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A BIRD,
IT'S A PLANE,
IT'S
SUPERMOBILE!



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SUPERMAN

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AMAZO'S
POWER-BEAM HAS
MELTED THE
PAVEMENT UNDER
US, IVO! WE'RE
TARRED IN!

AND WITH YOU
HAVING LOST
ALL YOUR
POWERS--
THERE'S NO
ESCAPE
FROM THIS
DOOM-TRAP!

AMAZO WILL
KILL US BOTH
WHERE WE STAND!

IS THIS THE MIGHTY SUPERMAN WE ALL KNOW--TRAPPED AND HELPLESS BENEATH THE GARGANTUAN FISTS OF AMAZO, THE MOST AWESOME ANDROID EVER ASSEMBLED? IF INDEED THE ACTION ACE HAS BEEN RENDERED SUPER-POWERLESS--DO HE AND HIS FELLOW-VICTIM HAVE ANY CHANCE OF ESCAPE?

ONE CHANCE-- AND IF THE INCREDIBLE GAMBLE IS SUCCESSFUL--THE PEOPLE OF METROPOLIS WILL SOON LOOK TO THE SKY AND SHOUT...

**"IT'S A BIRD...
IT'S A PLANE...
IT'S SUPERMOBILE!"**

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IVO PROGRAMMED
MY COMPUTERIZED
BRAIN TO BE
RUTHLESS--



--SO I
SHOW YOU
NO MERCY!

DIE,
ENEMIES--
DIE!



GASP!
THAT BLOW
CREATED
A SMALL
CRATER!

POOR
SUPERMAN!
THERE'S NOT
A TRACE LEFT
OF HIM... NOT
EVEN HIS
CAPE!

HE AND THAT OTHER
FELLOW HAVE BEEN
PULVERIZED TO DUST!



AND WITH
SUPERMAN OUT
OF HIS WAY--
-SNIFF- METROPOLIS
IS IN THE POWER OF
THAT GIANT ANDROID!

NOBODY ELSE CAN
STOP HIM IF
SUPERMAN FAILED!

SO THIS IS WHAT
IT'S LIKE TO DIE!
IT ISN'T ANYTHING
LIKE I EXPECTED
IT WOULD BE!

SORRY TO DISAPPOINT
YOU, IVO-- BUT WE AREN'T
IN THE HEREAFTER-- ONLY
THE ARCTIC-- MY FORTRESS
OF SOLITUDE, TO BE EXACT!

NOW, IF YOU'LL JUST
STEP OUT OF THIS
TELEPORTATION
CUBE...



--TELEPORTATION
CUBE?

THAT'S
RIGHT! I
KNEW MY
POWERS WERE
FADING, SO I
PREPARED AN
EMERGENCY
PLAN IN CASE
I FOUND
MYSELF IN A
TIGHT SPOT--
LIKE THE
ONE WE
JUST LEFT!



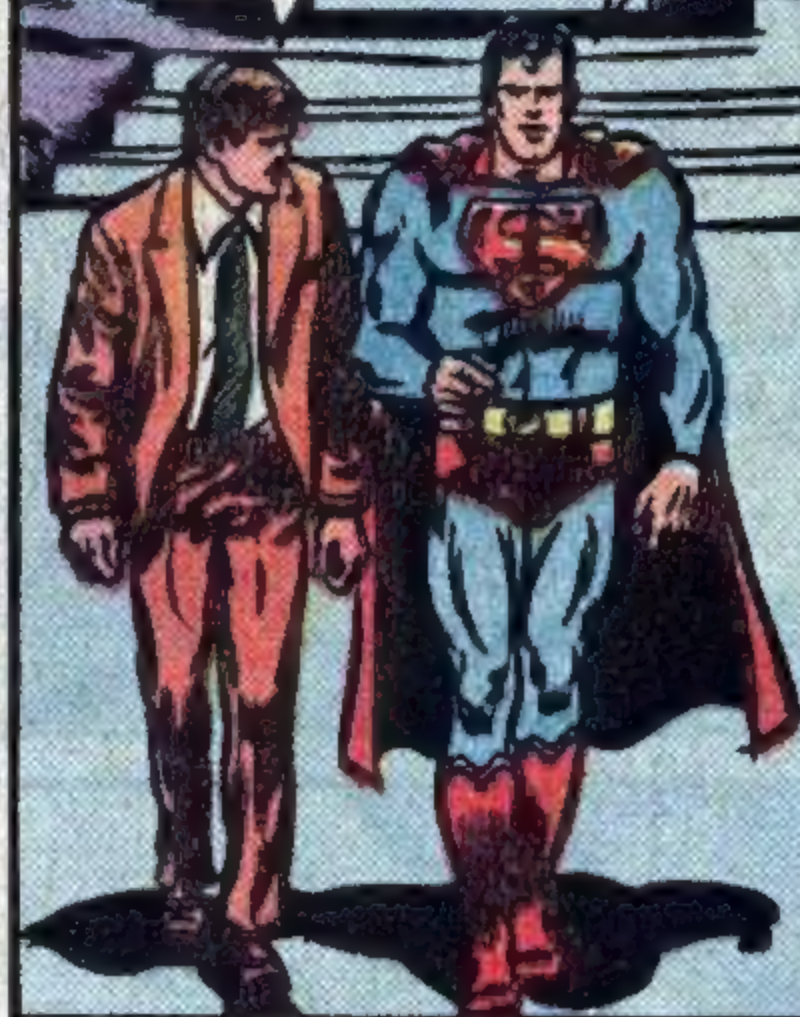
THIS AUTOMATIC TELEPORT-ACTIVATOR
WAS HIDDEN IN MY MOUTH-- JUST
AS HOUDINI KEPT ESCAPE-
DEVICES IN HIS MOUTH!



THEN THAT'S
WHY YOU PUT
YOUR HAND ON MY
SHOULDER--SO I'D
BE TELEPORTED
HERE WITH YOU!

BUT THE
ADVANCED
TECHNOLOGY
YOU'D NEED
TO BUILD
SUCH A DEVICE
WOULD BE
INCREDIBLE--

NOT SO
INCREDIBLE,
CONSIDERING
THE OTHER
ACCOMPLISH-
MENTS OF
PRESENT-DAY
KRYPTONIAN
SCIENCE...



... AS IT'S
PROGRESSED
AMONG MY PEOPLE
HERE IN KANDOR!*

THE FAMOUS CITY-IN-A-BOTTLE!
EVERYONE HAS HEARD OF IT--
BUT FEW EARTH PEOPLE HAVE
SEEN IT!

I- I'M HONORED,
SUPERMAN!



*KANDOR--THE ONLY CITY OF SUPERMAN'S HOME WORLD,
KRYPTON, TO ESCAPE DESTRUCTION--SHRUNKEN AND
IMPRISONED IN A BOTTLE BY THE EVIL BRAINAC!--JULIE



YOU TRUST ME--EVEN THOUGH AMAZO IS MY CREATION--AND WAS ORIGINALLY PROGRAMMED BY ME TO DESTROY THE JUSTICE LEAGUE?

THAT WAS YEARS AGO, PROFESSOR-- BEFORE YOU REFORMED!

EVERYBODY DESERVES A SECOND CHANCE!



I WISH AMAZO'S PSYCH-CIRCUITS WERE CAPABLE OF SUCH A JUDGMENT!

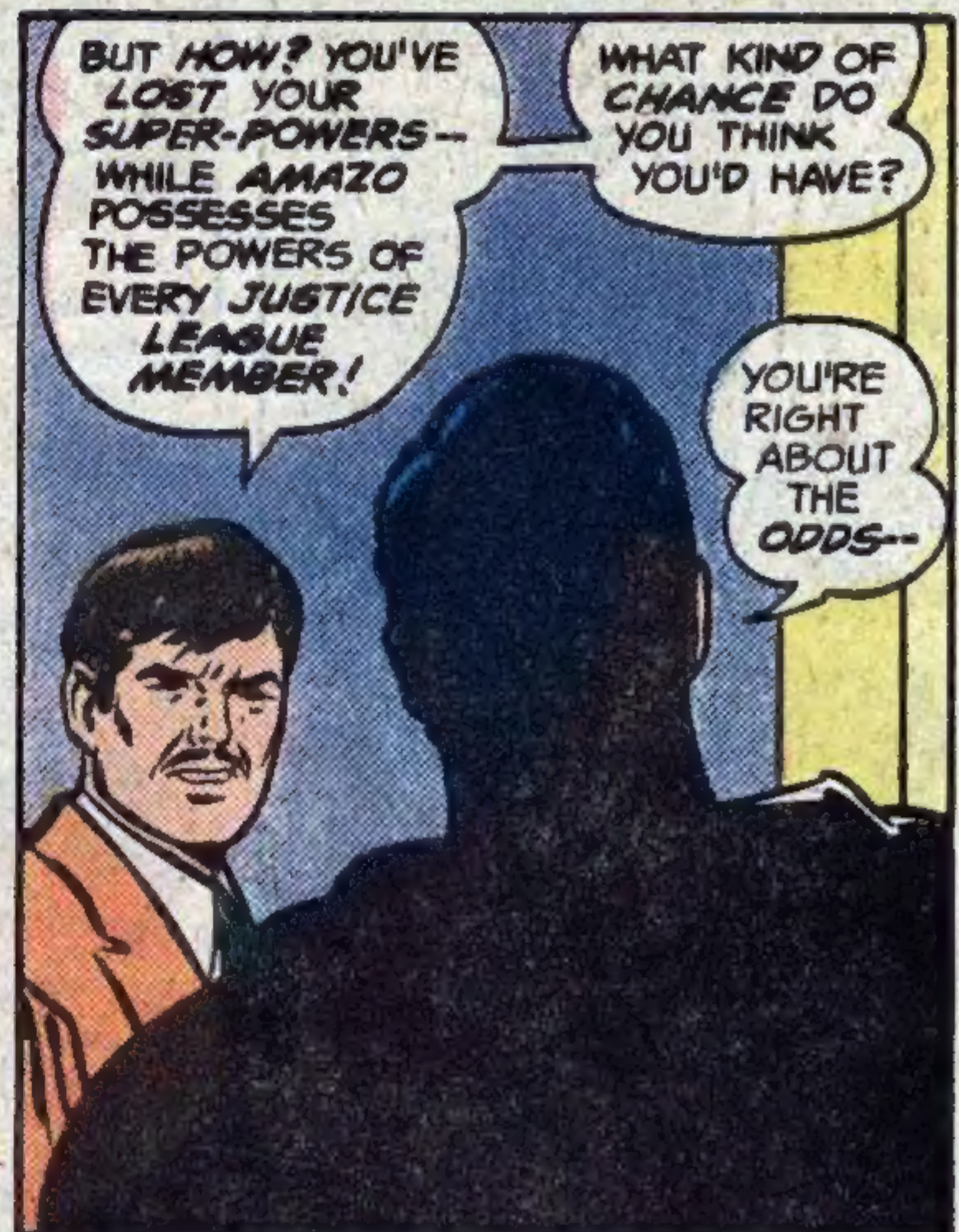
HE'S BENT ON KILLING ME FOR INTERRUPTING HIS ELECTRONIC SLEEP... BECAUSE HE THINKS I REACTIVATED HIM FOR SOME SORT OF EVIL PLOT!



WHICH IS WHY IT'S ONLY A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE AMAZO COMES HERE LOOKING FOR YOU!

NOT ONLY DO YOU HAVE TO BE HIDDEN IN A SAFE PLACE--

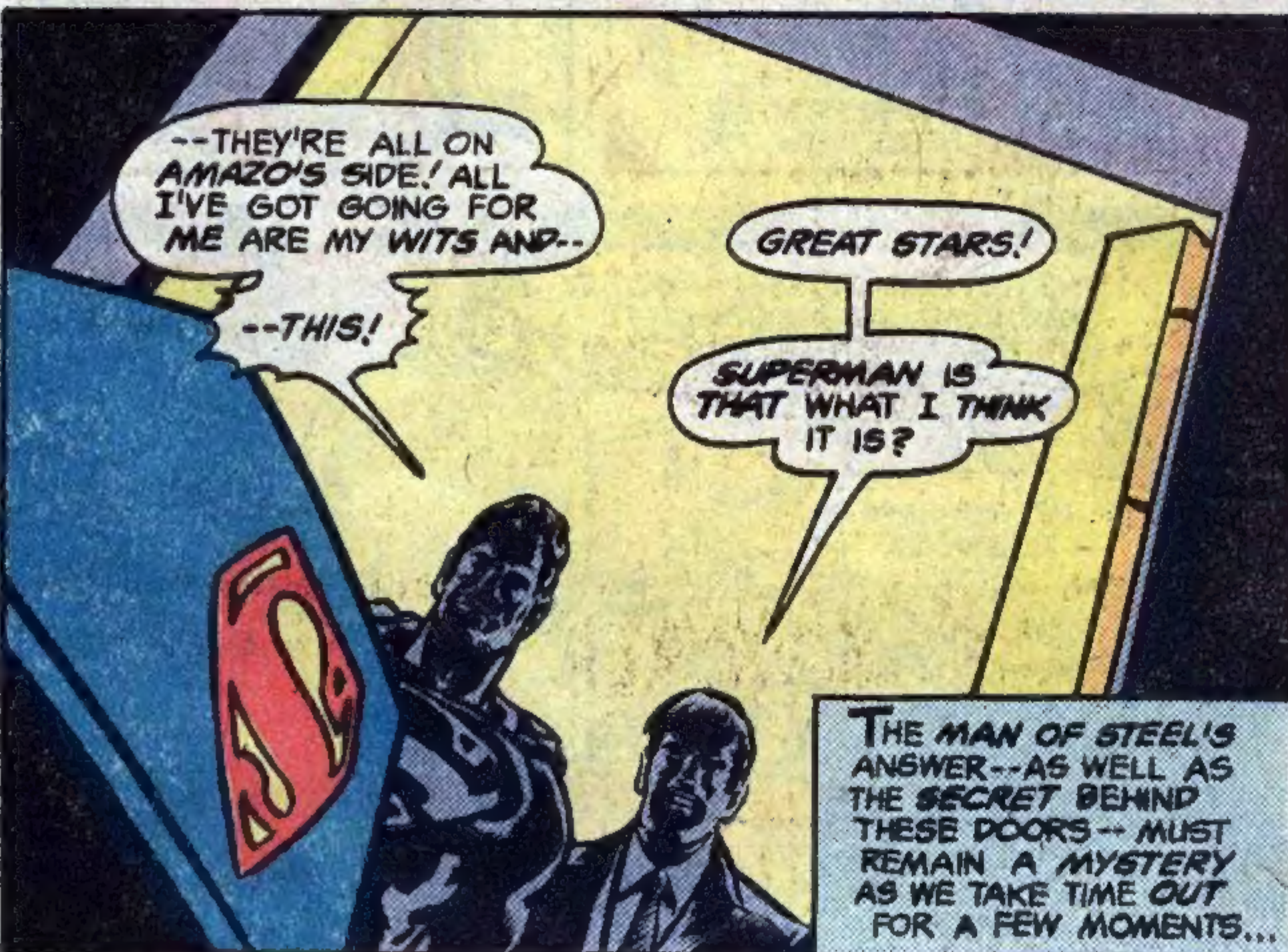
--I MUST BE ABLE TO DEFEND THE FORTRESS AGAINST HIM!



BUT HOW? YOU'VE LOST YOUR SUPER-POWERS-- WHILE AMAZO POSSESSES THE POWERS OF EVERY JUSTICE LEAGUE MEMBER!

WHAT KIND OF CHANCE DO YOU THINK YOU'D HAVE?

YOU'RE RIGHT ABOUT THE ODDS--



--THEY'RE ALL ON AMAZO'S SIDE! ALL I'VE GOT GOING FOR ME ARE MY WITS AND--

--THIS!

GREAT STARS!

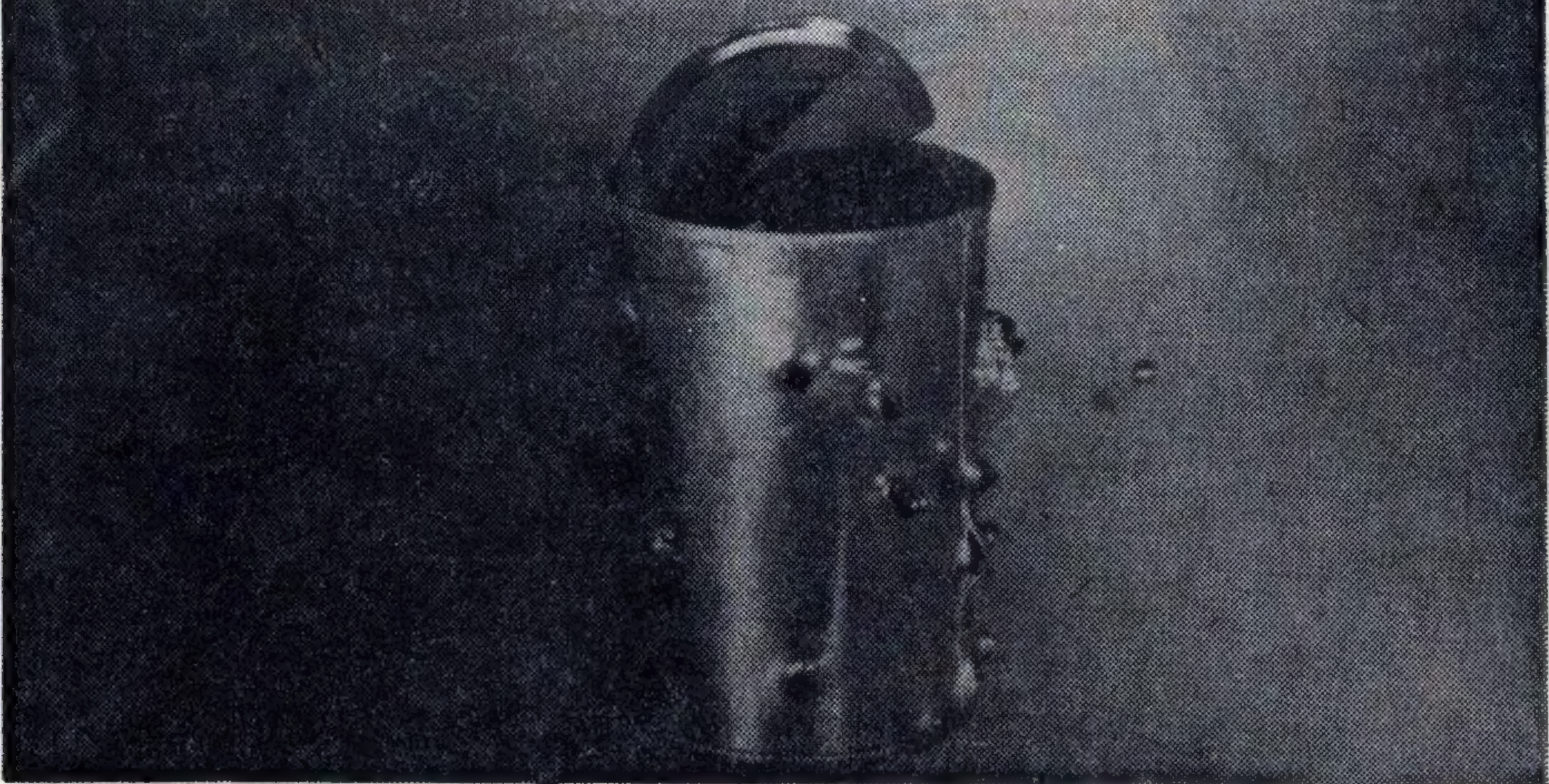
SUPERMAN IS THAT WHAT I THINK IT IS?

THE MAN OF STEEL'S ANSWER--AS WELL AS THE SECRET BEHIND THESE DOORS-- MUST REMAIN A MYSTERY AS WE TAKE TIME OUT FOR A FEW MOMENTS...



NOW--TIME IN... AS WE REJOIN SUPERMAN MAKING FINAL PREPARATIONS...

...FOR WHAT COULD BE MY FINAL BATTLE! I HAVE JUST FINISHED CONCEALING IVO IN THE SAFEST PLACE I COULD FIND HERE IN THE FORTRESS!



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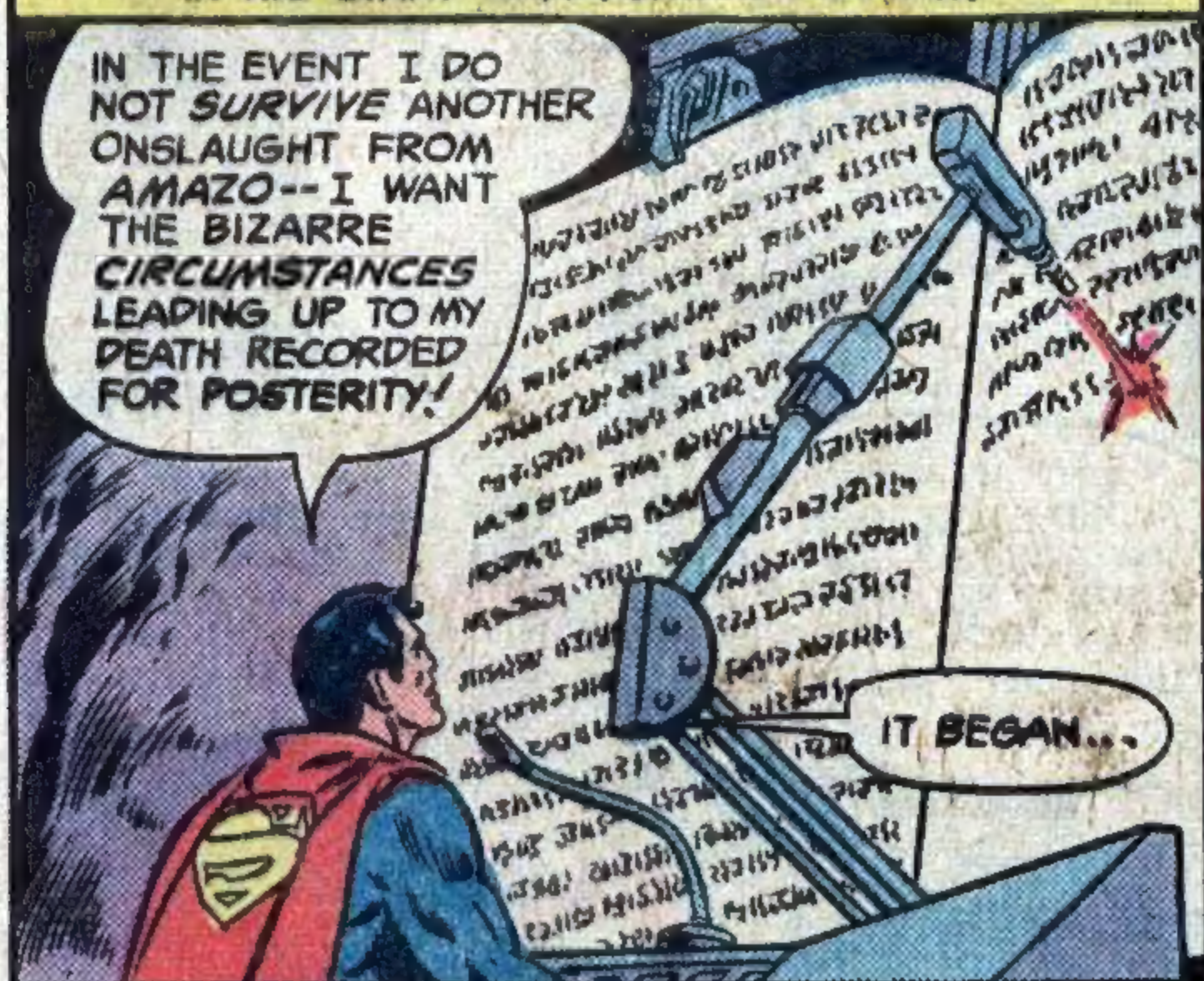
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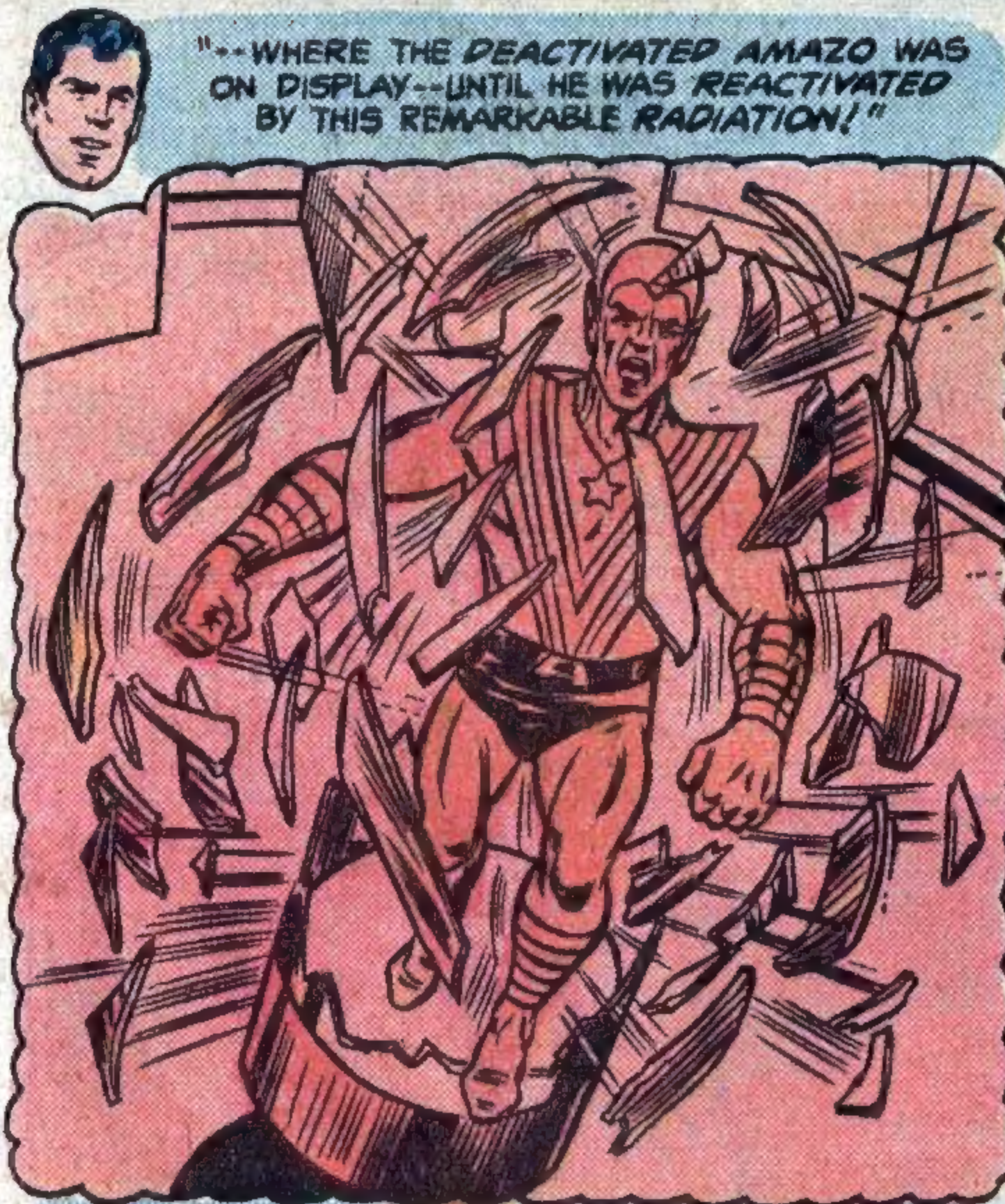


"...SEVERAL DAYS AGO--IMMENSE WAVES OF RED RADIATION--EMITTED EONS AGO BY AN EXPLODING STAR--BEGAN TO ENCOMPASS EARTH--"



"--AND THE ORBITING JUSTICE LEAGUE SATELLITE--"

"--WHERE THE DEACTIVATED AMAZO WAS ON DISPLAY--UNTIL HE WAS REACTIVATED BY THIS REMARKABLE RADIATION!"



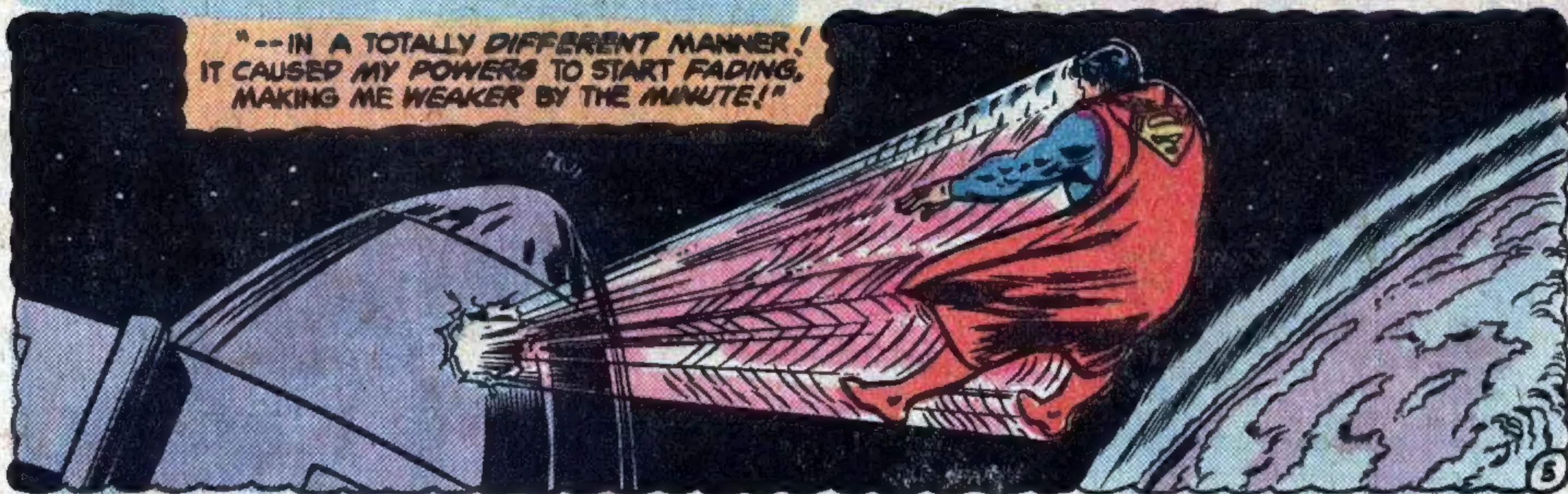
"EVEN MORE REMARKABLE--AND CATASTROPHIC--THE RADIANT ENERGY REVITALIZED THE REMAINING VESTIGES OF EVERY SUPER-POWER HE HAD ABSORBED FROM THE JLA LONG AGO!"

"AND WHEN AMAZO WENT ON A RAMPAGE AGAIN, I FOUND MYSELF IN NO CONDITION TO EVEN SLOW HIM DOWN!"

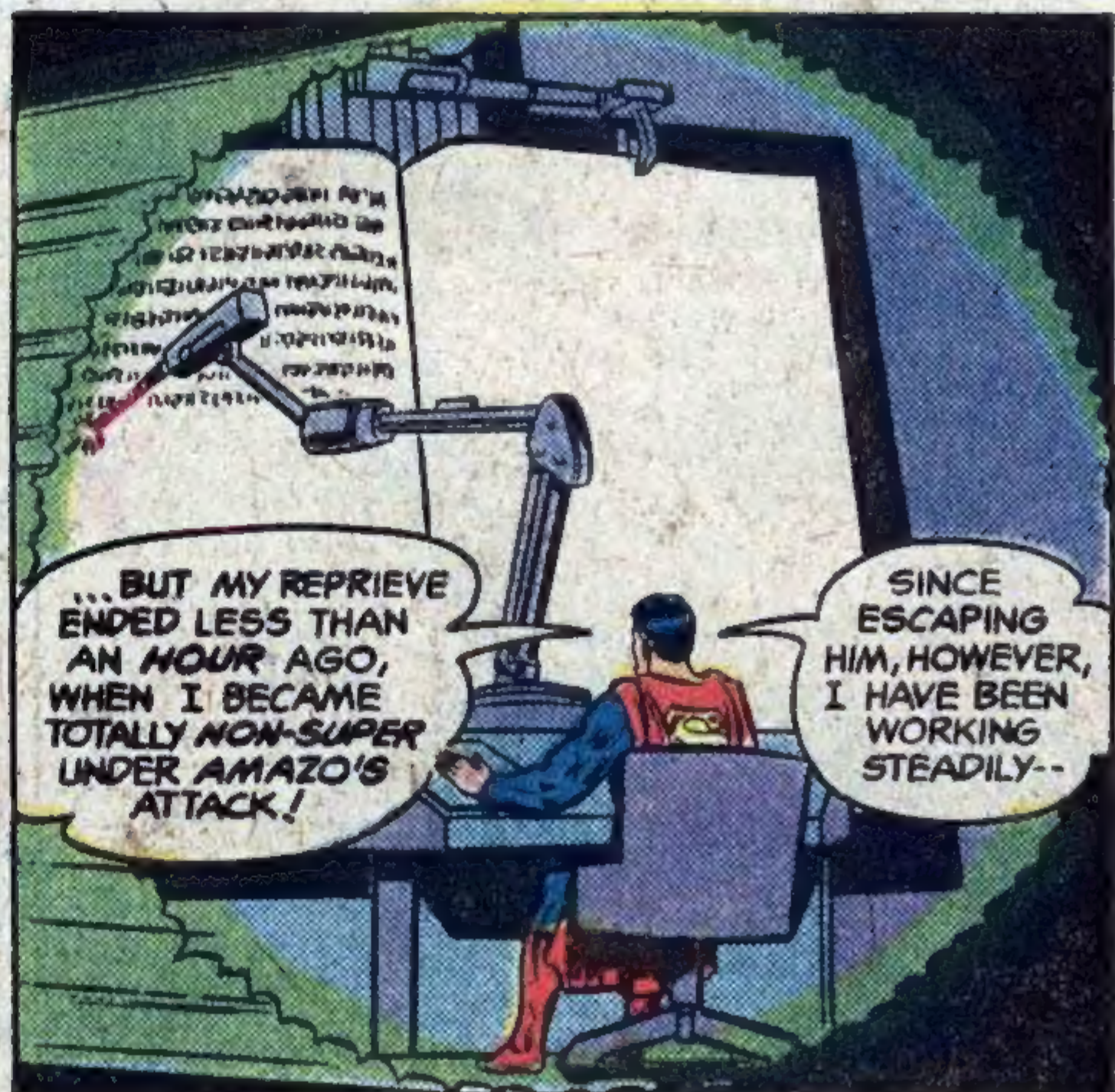
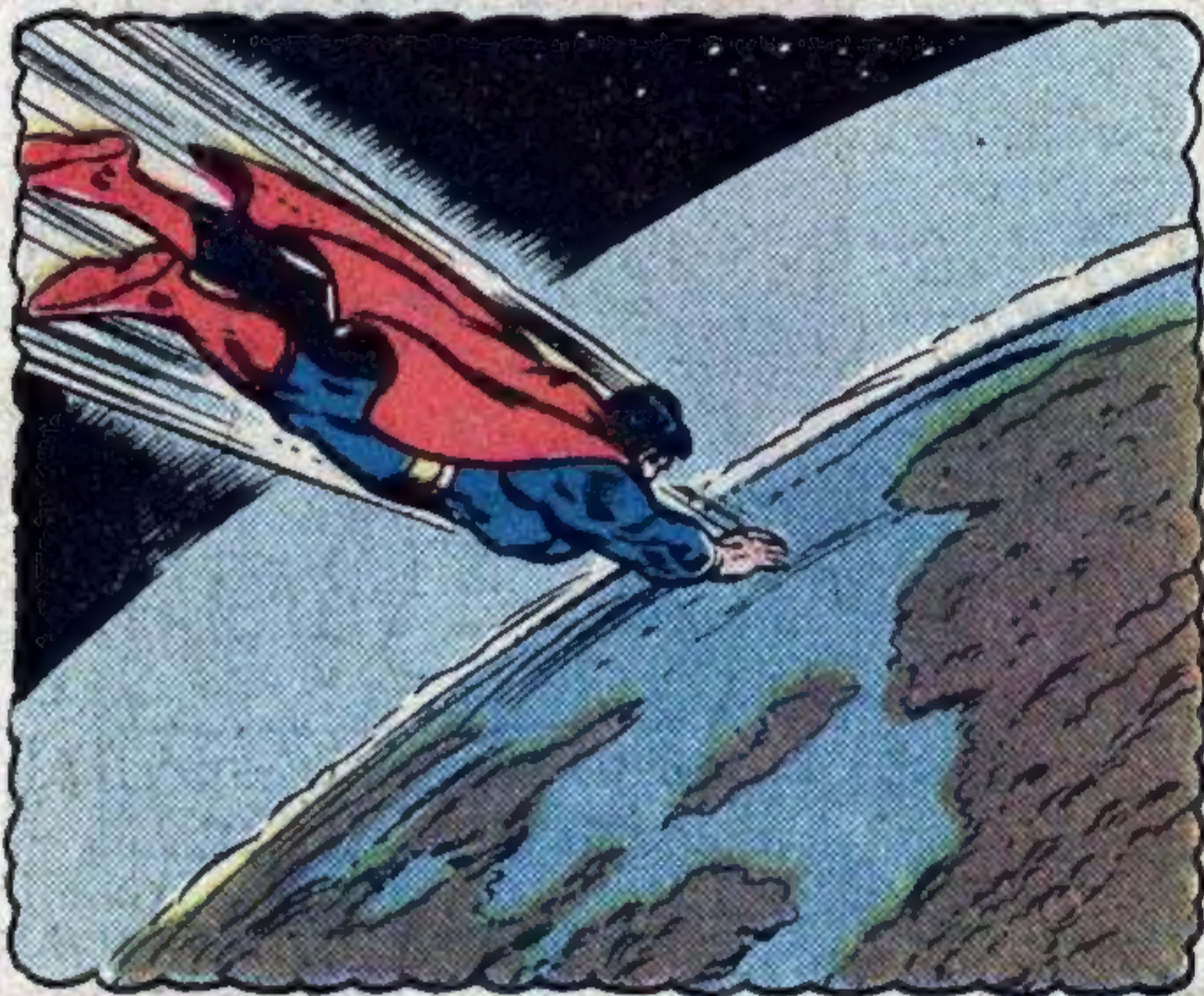


"FOR THE RED HAZE HAD AFFECTED ME, TOO--"

"--IN A TOTALLY DIFFERENT MANNER! IT CAUSED MY POWERS TO START FADING, MAKING ME WEAKER BY THE MINUTE!"

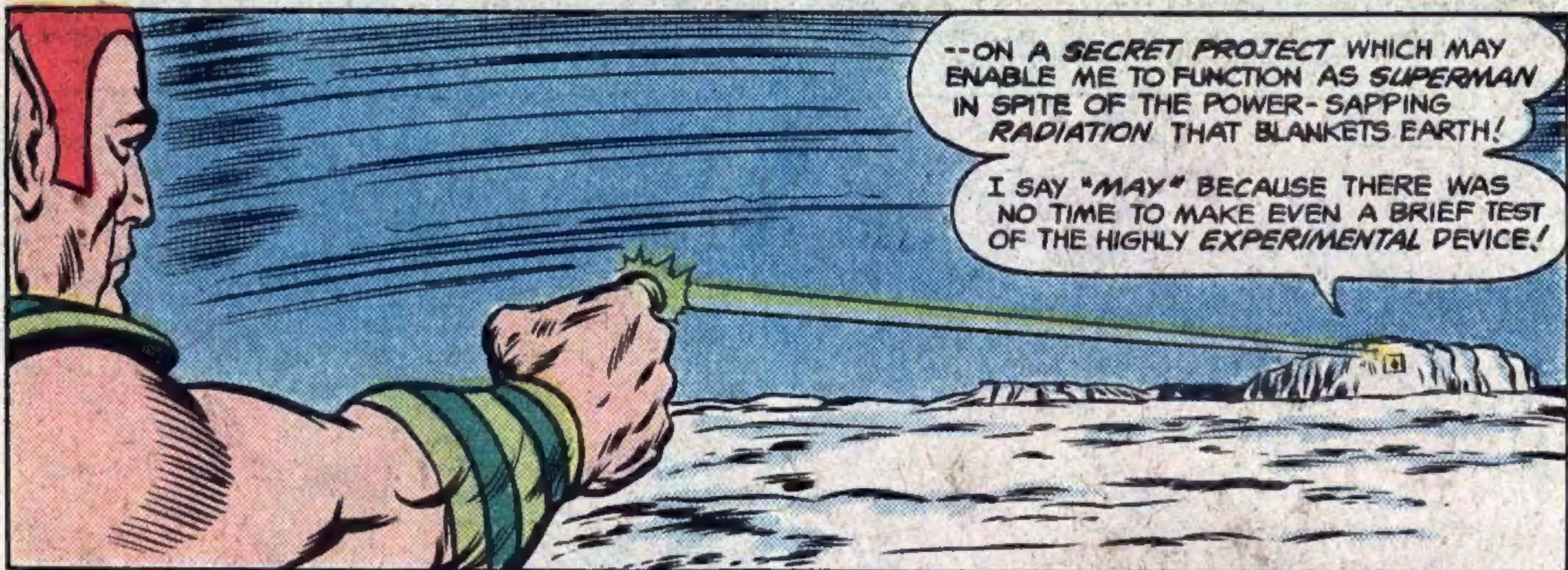


"FORTUNATELY, MY ADOPTED PLANET EARTH HAD GRANTED ME A REPRIEVE--WHEN I DETERMINED IT WOULD TAKE SOME TIME FOR THE RED RADIATION TO FILTER THROUGH THE PROTECTIVE BLANKET OF THE ATMOSPHERE..."



"...BUT MY REPRIEVE ENDED LESS THAN AN HOUR AGO, WHEN I BECAME TOTALLY NON-SUPER UNDER AMAZO'S ATTACK!"

"SINCE ESCAPING HIM, HOWEVER, I HAVE BEEN WORKING STEADILY--"

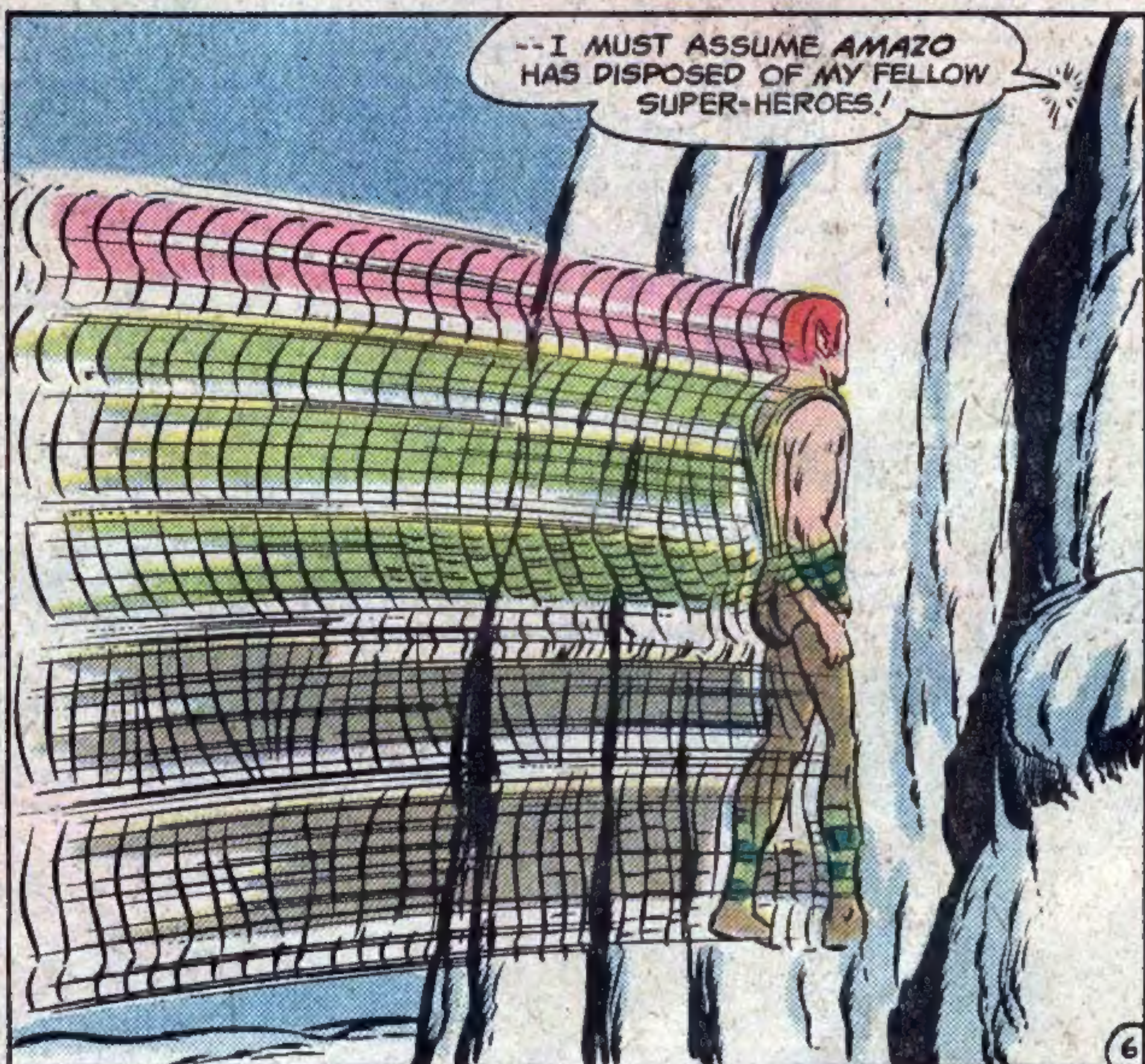


--ON A SECRET PROJECT WHICH MAY ENABLE ME TO FUNCTION AS SUPERMAN IN SPITE OF THE POWER-SAPPING RADIATION THAT BLANKETS EARTH!

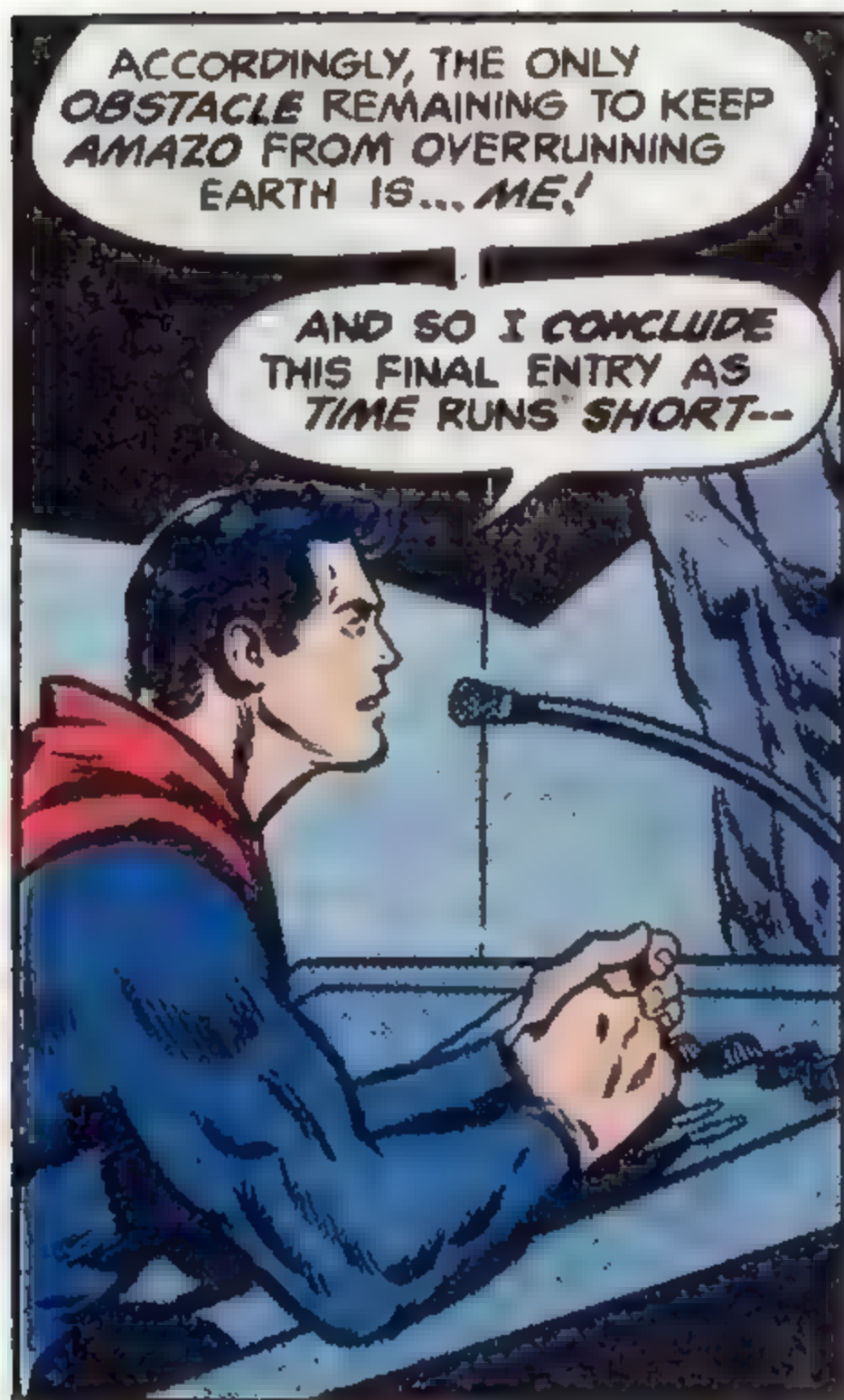
I SAY "MAY" BECAUSE THERE WAS NO TIME TO MAKE EVEN A BRIEF TEST OF THE HIGHLY EXPERIMENTAL DEVICE!



BECAUSE MY REPEATED ATTEMPTS TO CONTACT OTHER JUSTICE LEAGUE MEMBERS HAVE FAILED TO BRING ANY RESPONSE--

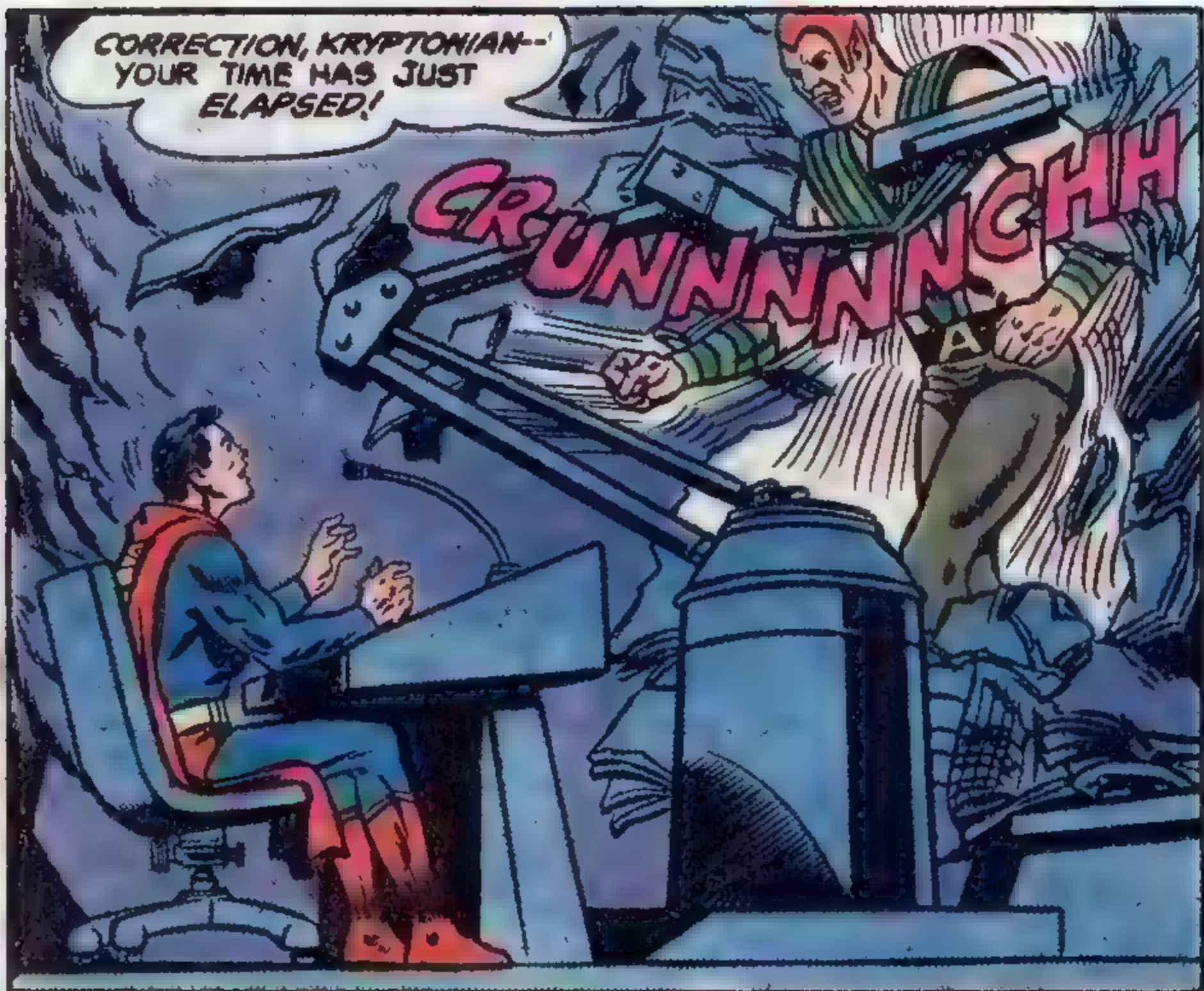


--I MUST ASSUME AMAZO HAS DISPOSED OF MY FELLOW SUPER-HEROES!



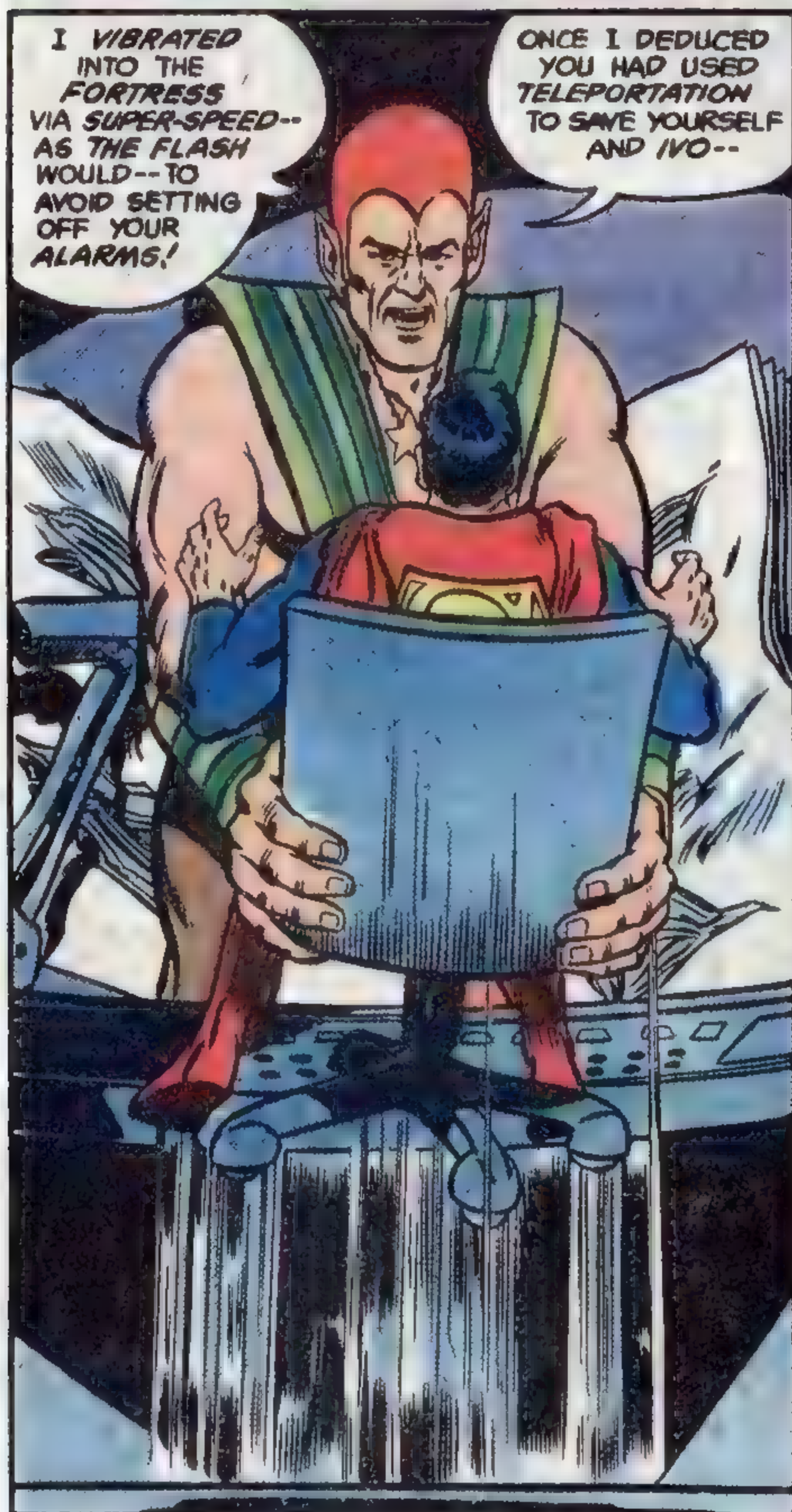
ACCORDINGLY, THE ONLY OBSTACLE REMAINING TO KEEP AMAZO FROM OVERRUNNING EARTH IS... ME!

AND SO I CONCLUDE THIS FINAL ENTRY AS TIME RUNS SHORT--



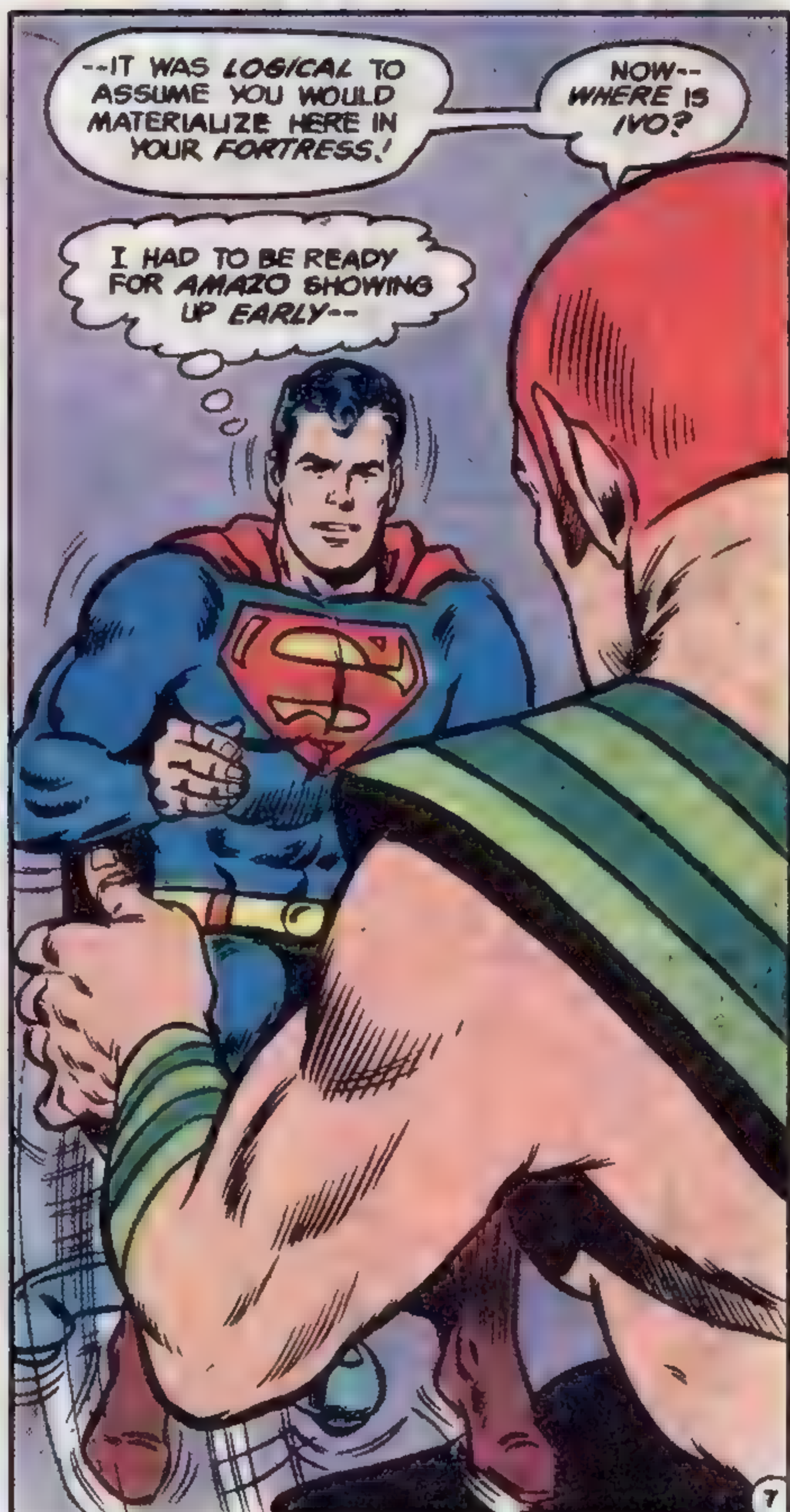
CORRECTION, KRYPTONIAN-- YOUR TIME HAS JUST ELAPSED!

CRUNNNNNGHH



I VIBRATED INTO THE FORTRESS VIA SUPER-SPEED-- AS THE FLASH WOULD-- TO AVOID SETTING OFF YOUR ALARMS!

ONCE I DEDUCED YOU HAD USED TELEPORTATION TO SAVE YOURSELF AND IVO--



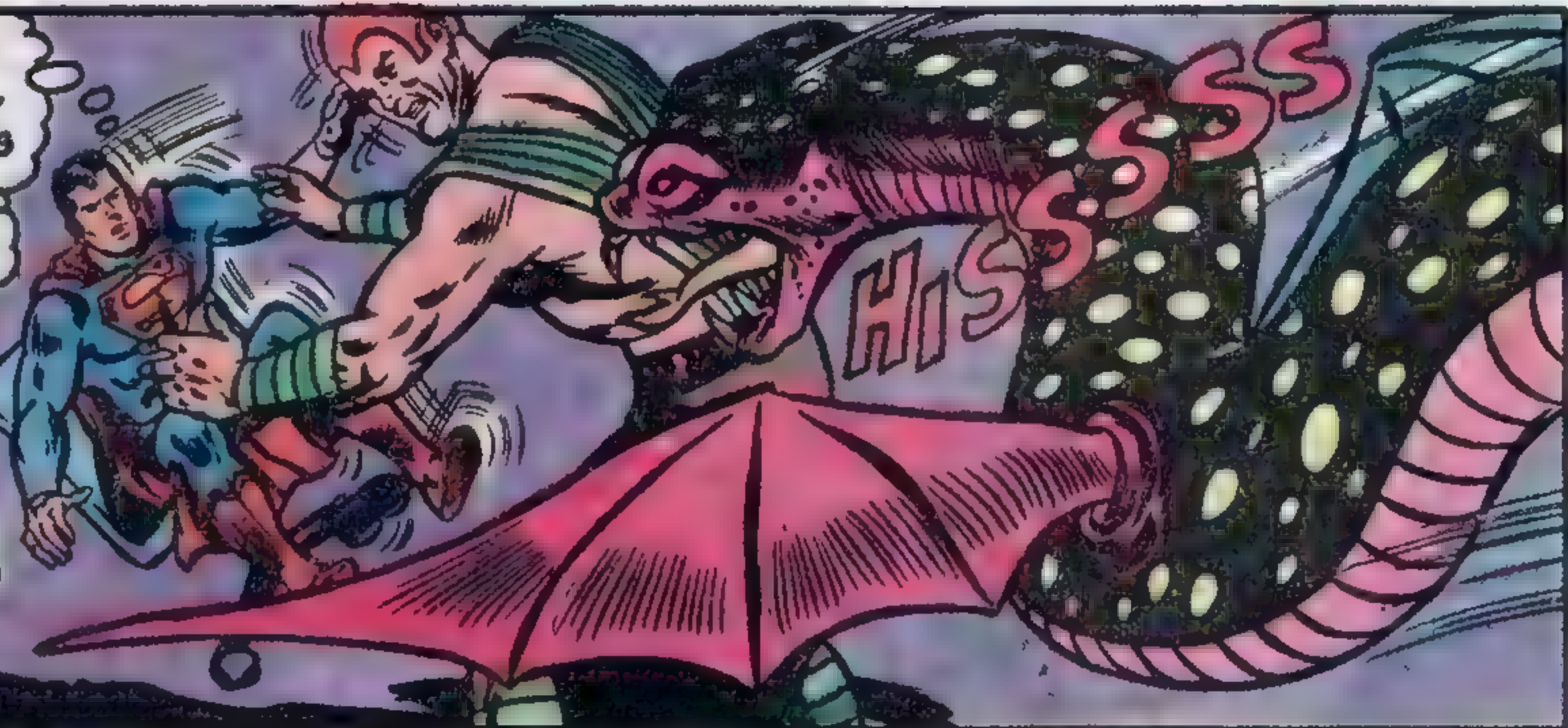
--IT WAS LOGICAL TO ASSUME YOU WOULD MATERIALIZE HERE IN YOUR FORTRESS!

NOW-- WHERE IS IVO?

I HAD TO BE READY FOR AMAZO SHOWING UP EARLY--

--WHICH IS WHY I WENT INTO MY INTERPLANETARY ZOO THIS MORNING AND RELEASED THE TITANIAN FLYING SNAKE FROM ITS CAGE!

ALTHOUGH IT'S DOCTILE AROUND ME-- IT INSTINCTIVELY SEEKS OUT AND ATTACKS ANY INTRUDER!



A RESOURCEFUL BUT FUTILE TACTIC, SUPERMAN!

WITH THE MANY POWERS AT MY COMMAND, HOW CAN THIS CREATURE POSSIBLY THREATEN ME?

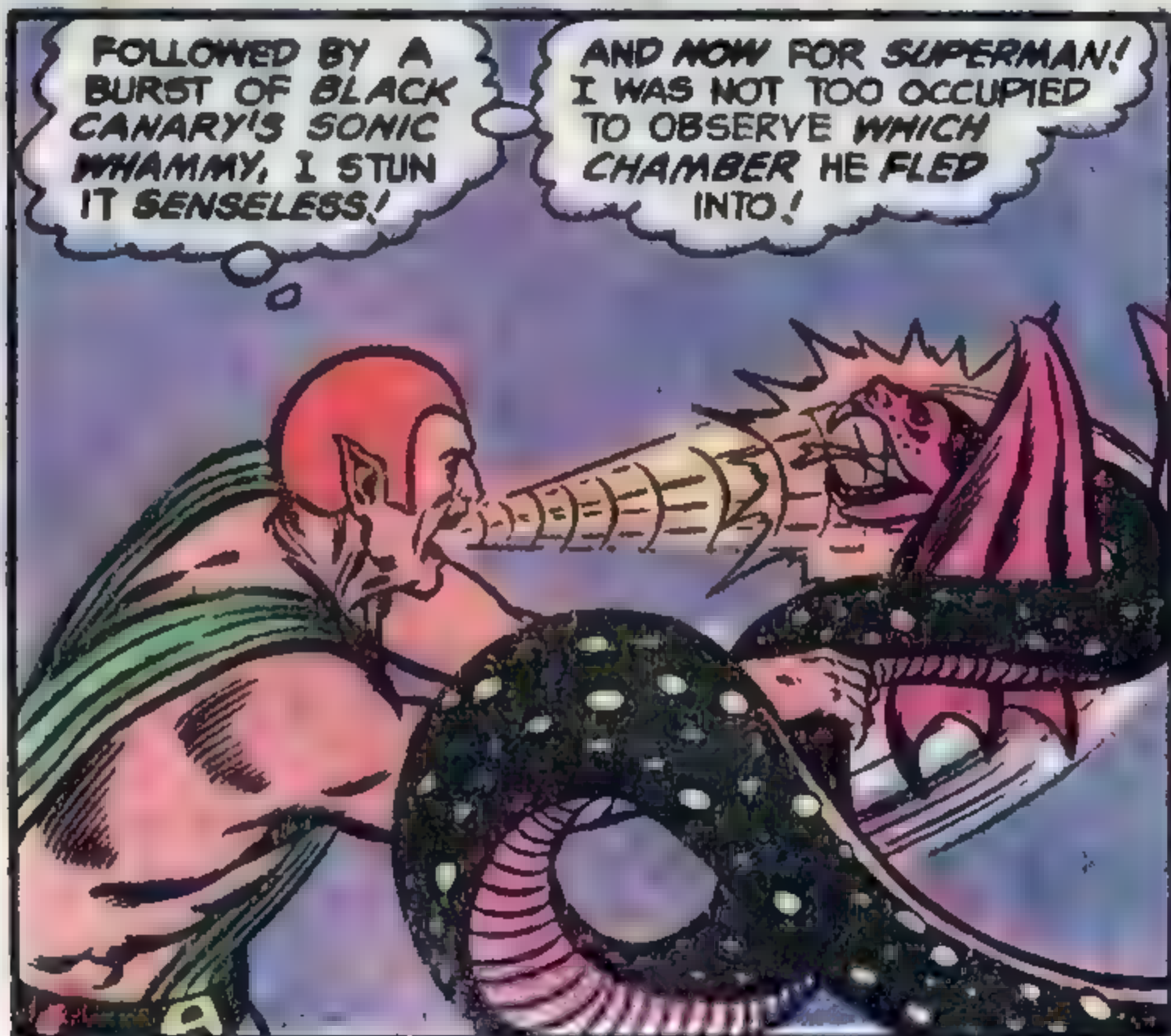


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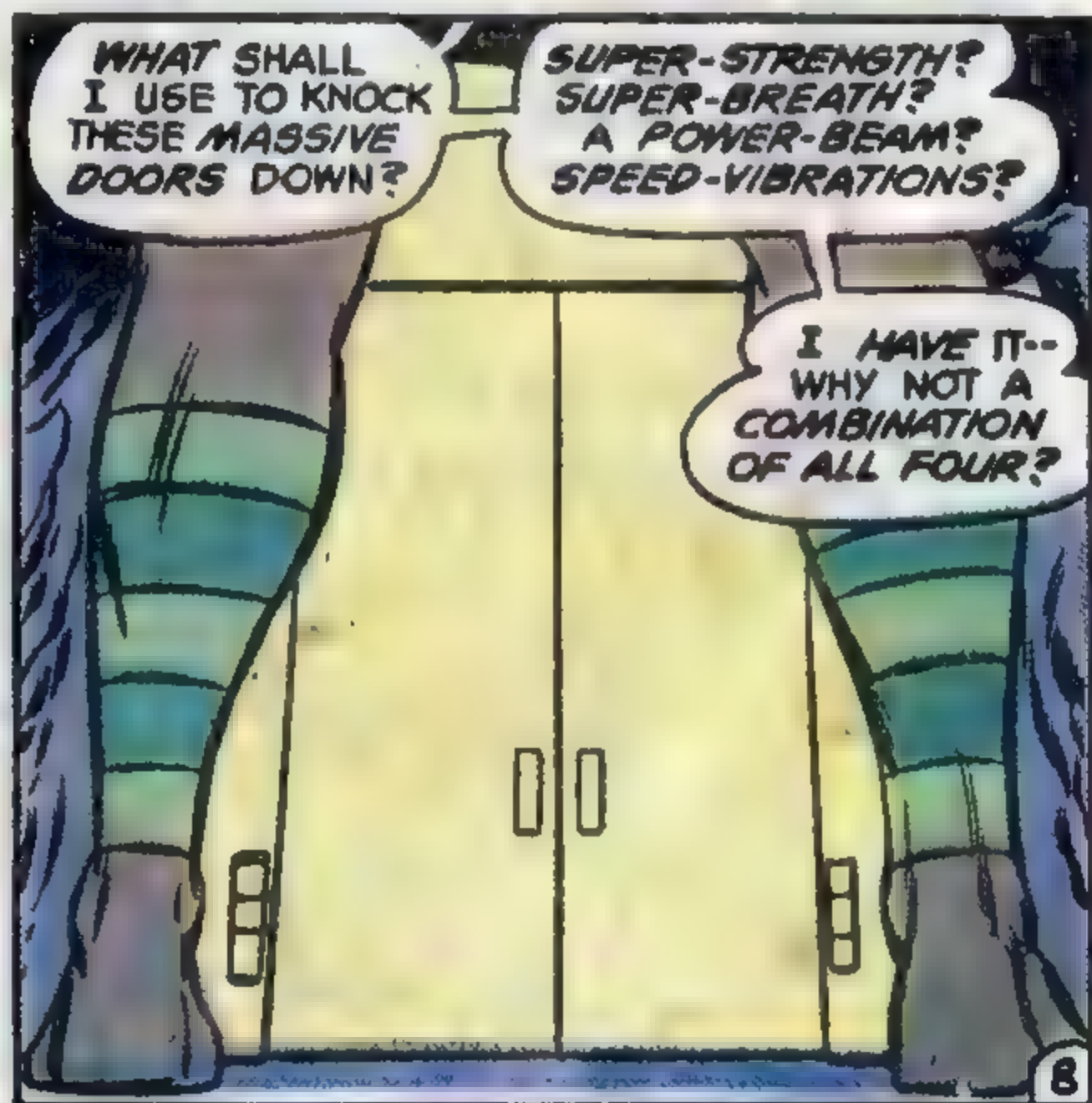
AND NOW FOR SUPERMAN! I WAS NOT TOO OCCUPIED TO OBSERVE WHICH CHAMBER HE FLED INTO!



WHAT SHALL I USE TO KNOCK THESE MASSIVE DOORS DOWN?

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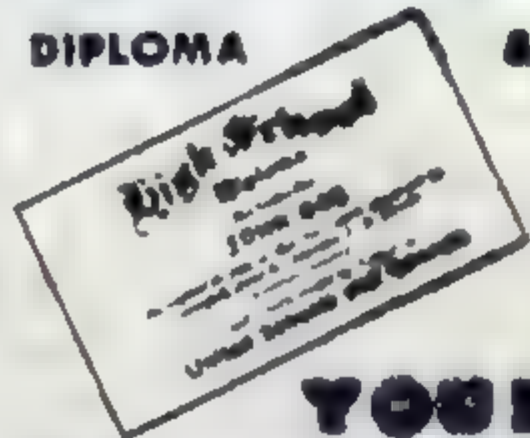
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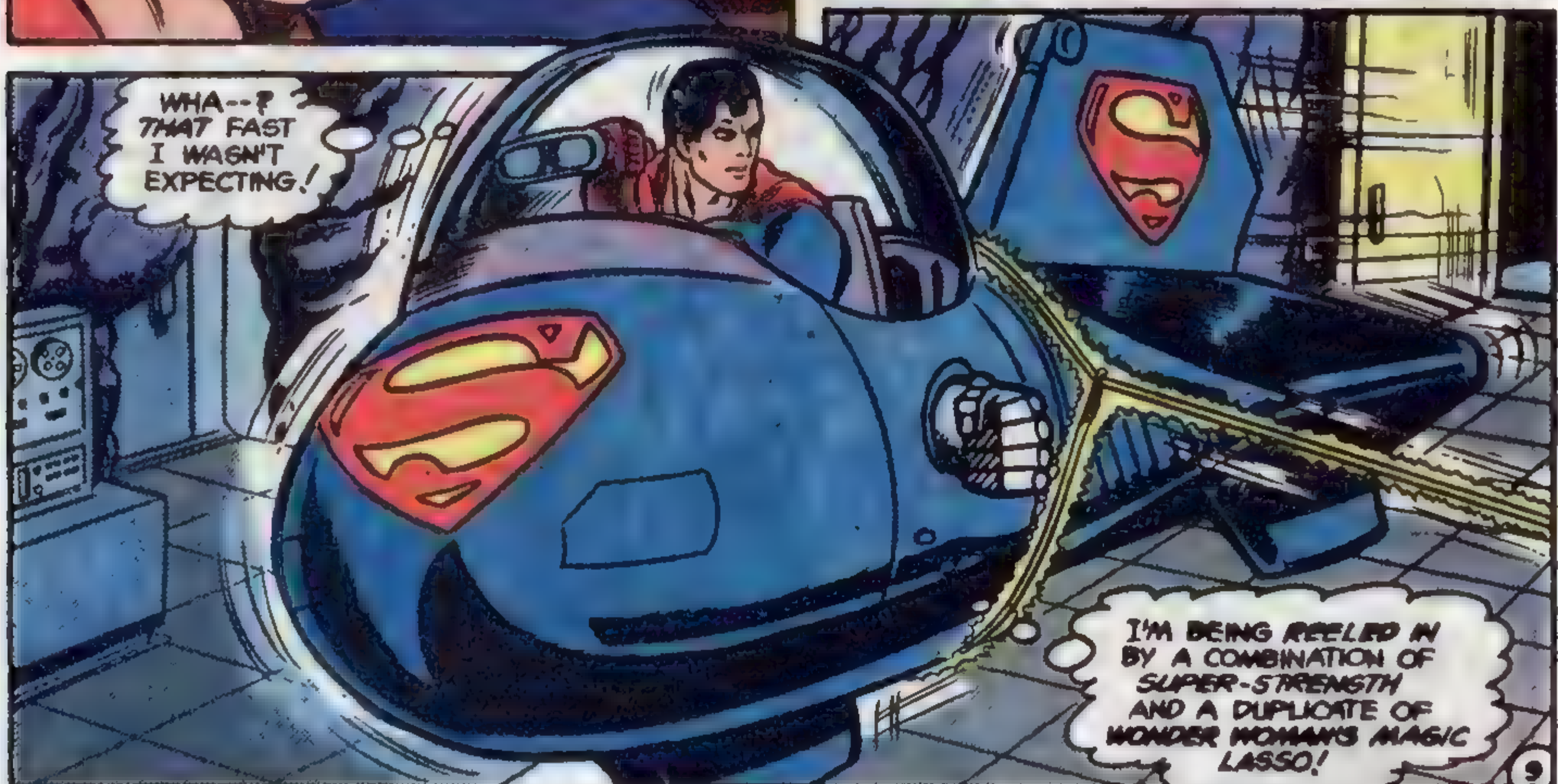
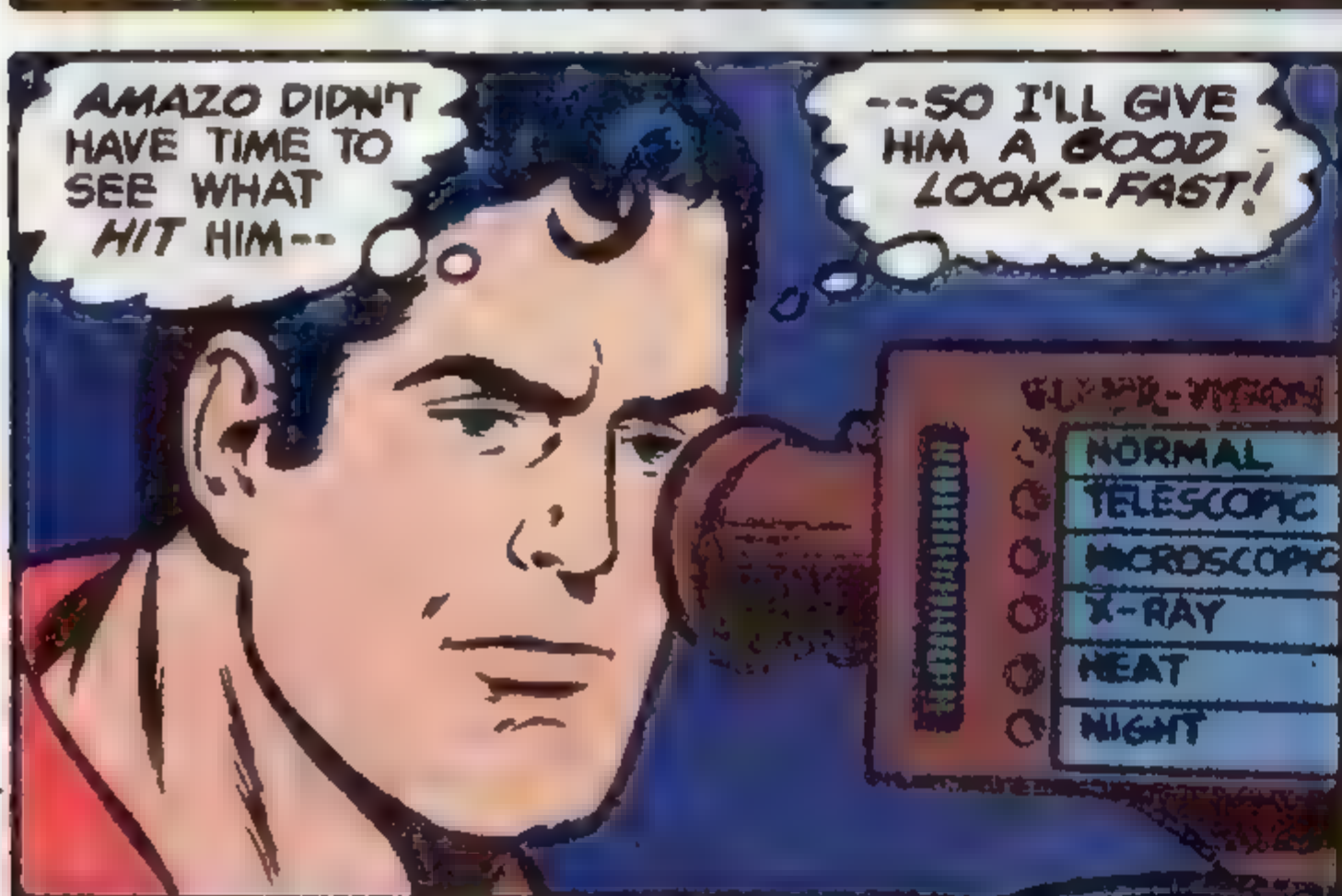
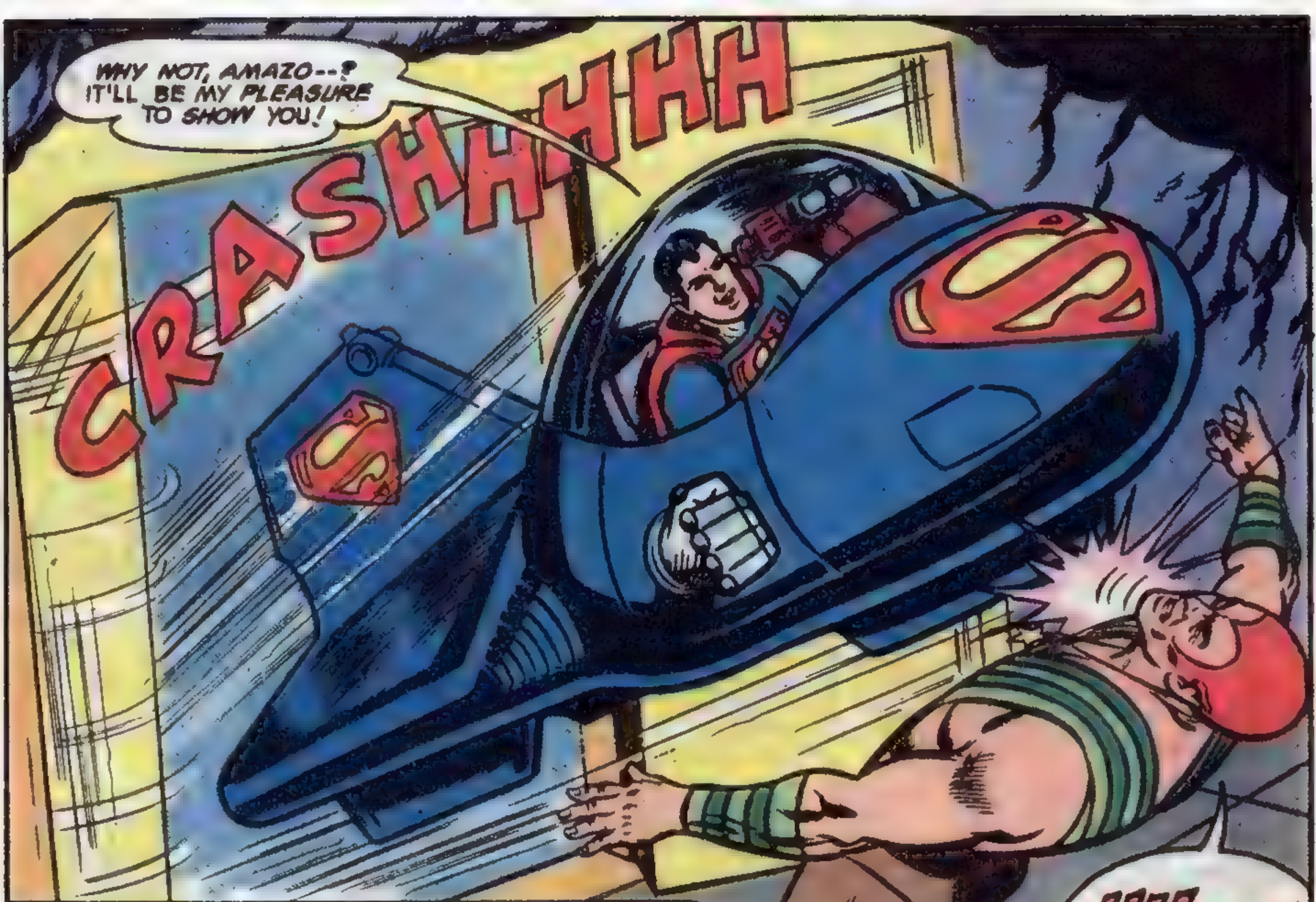
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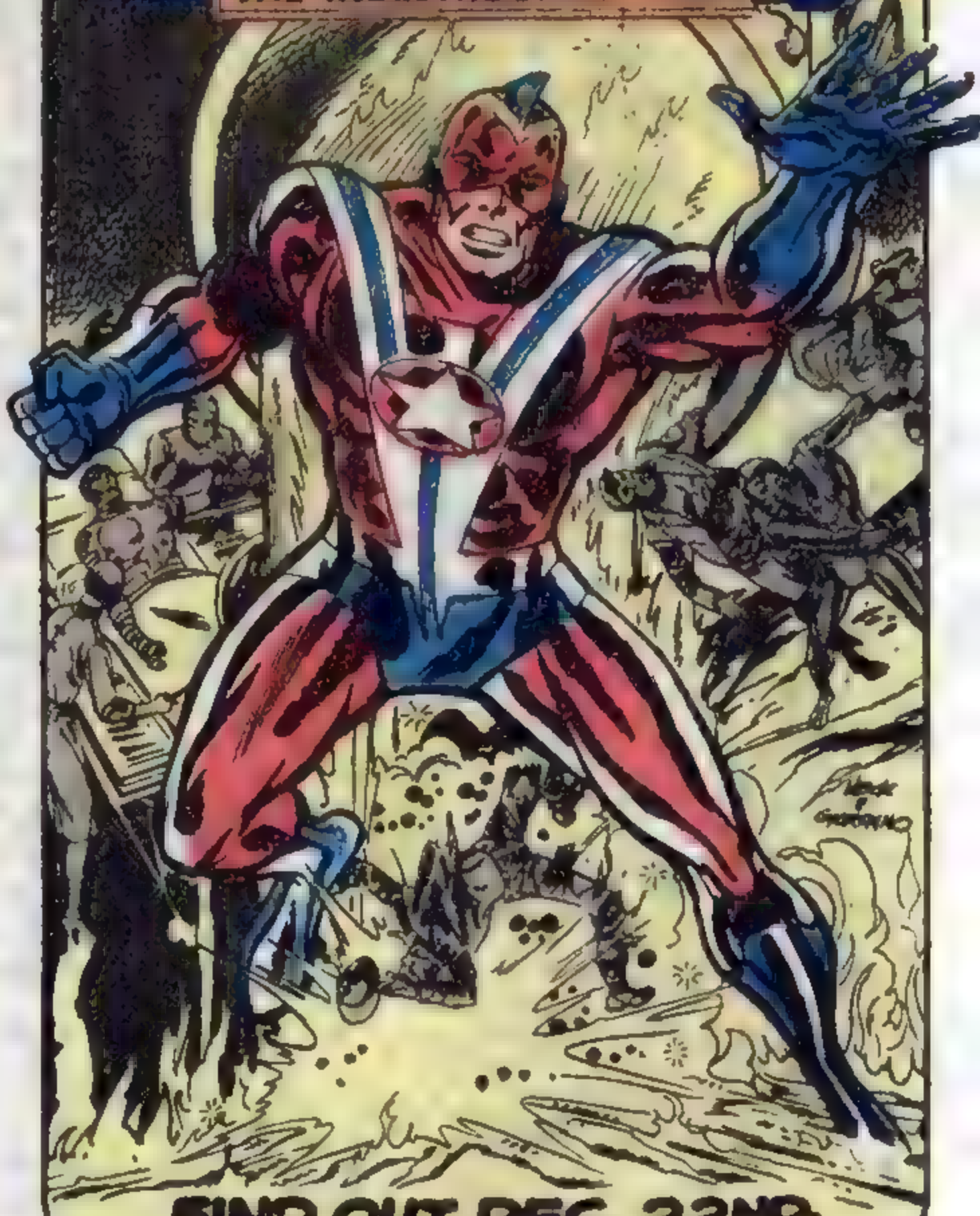
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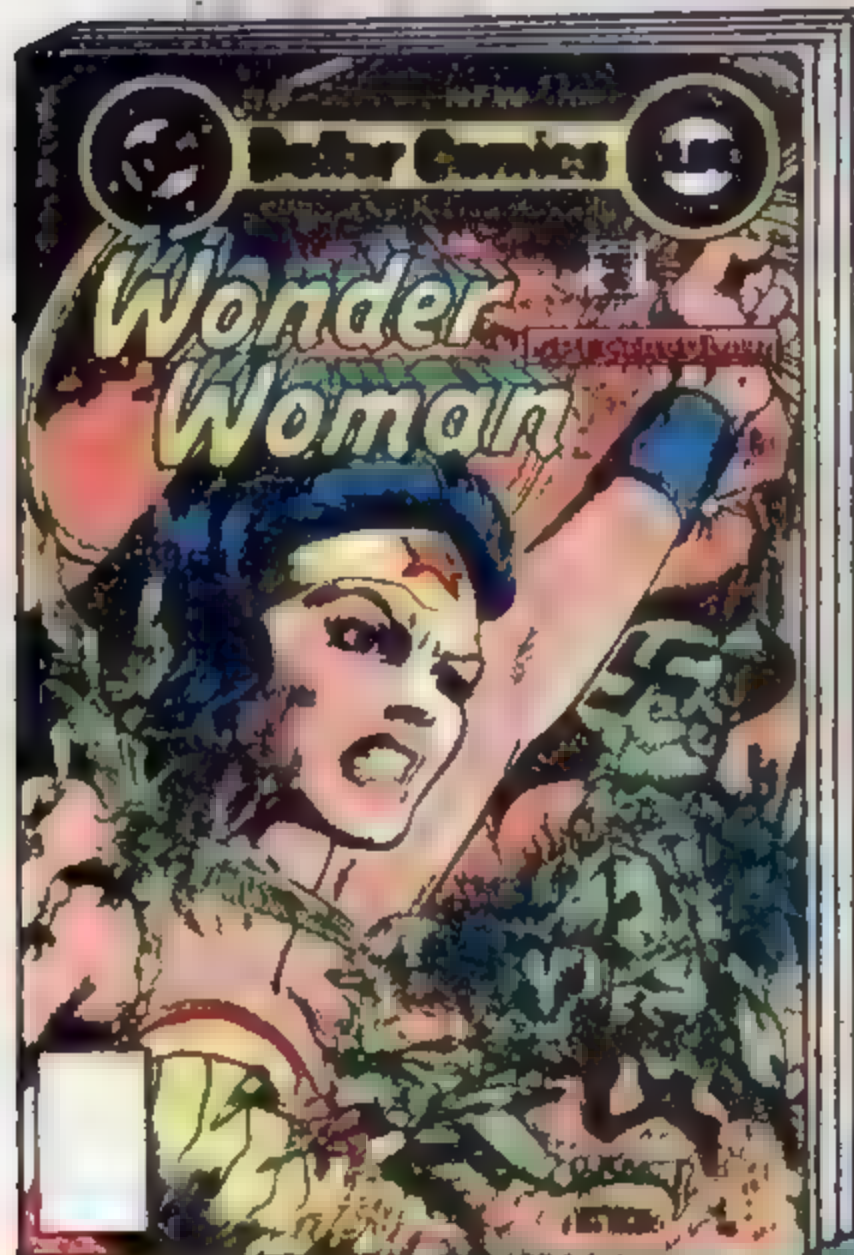
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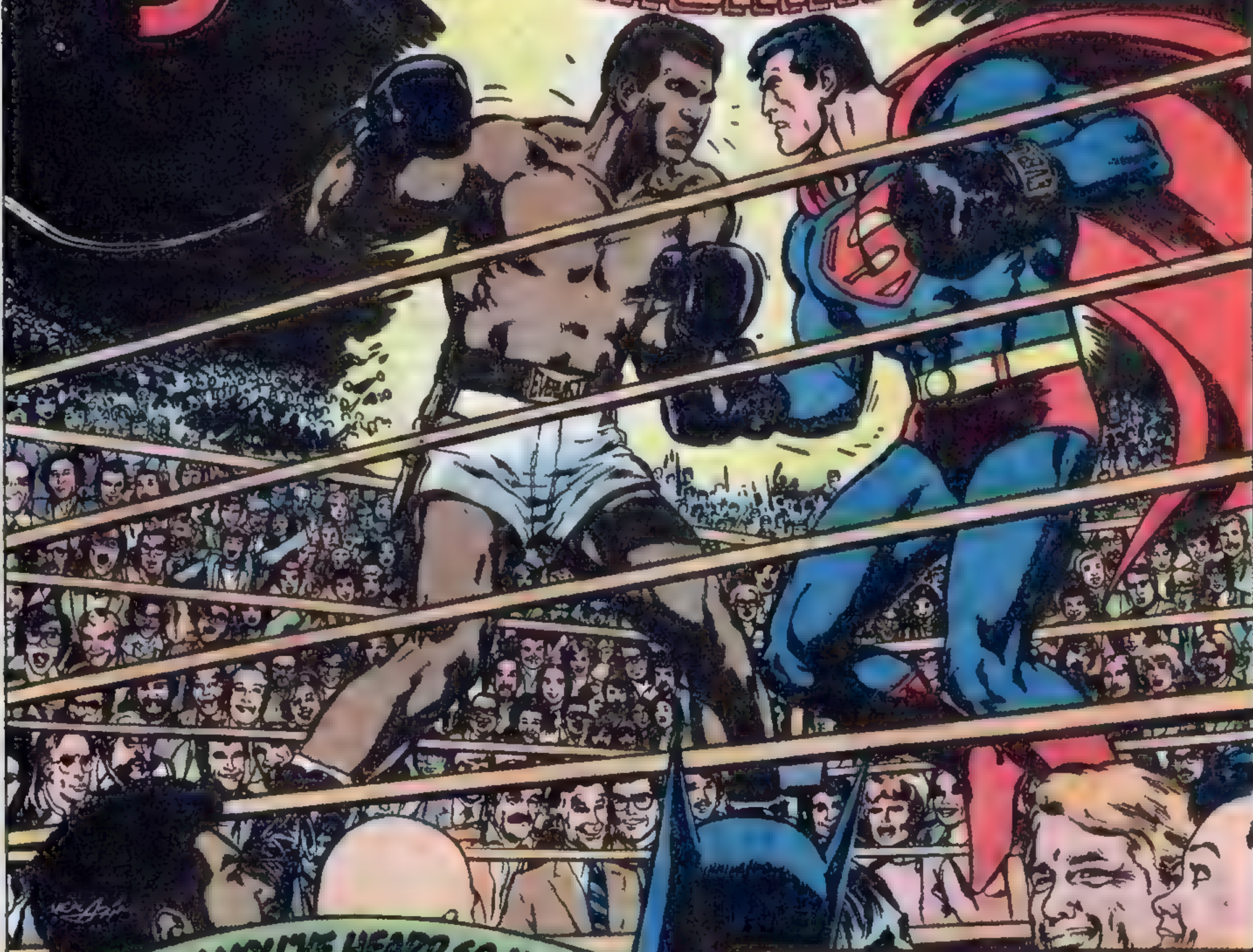
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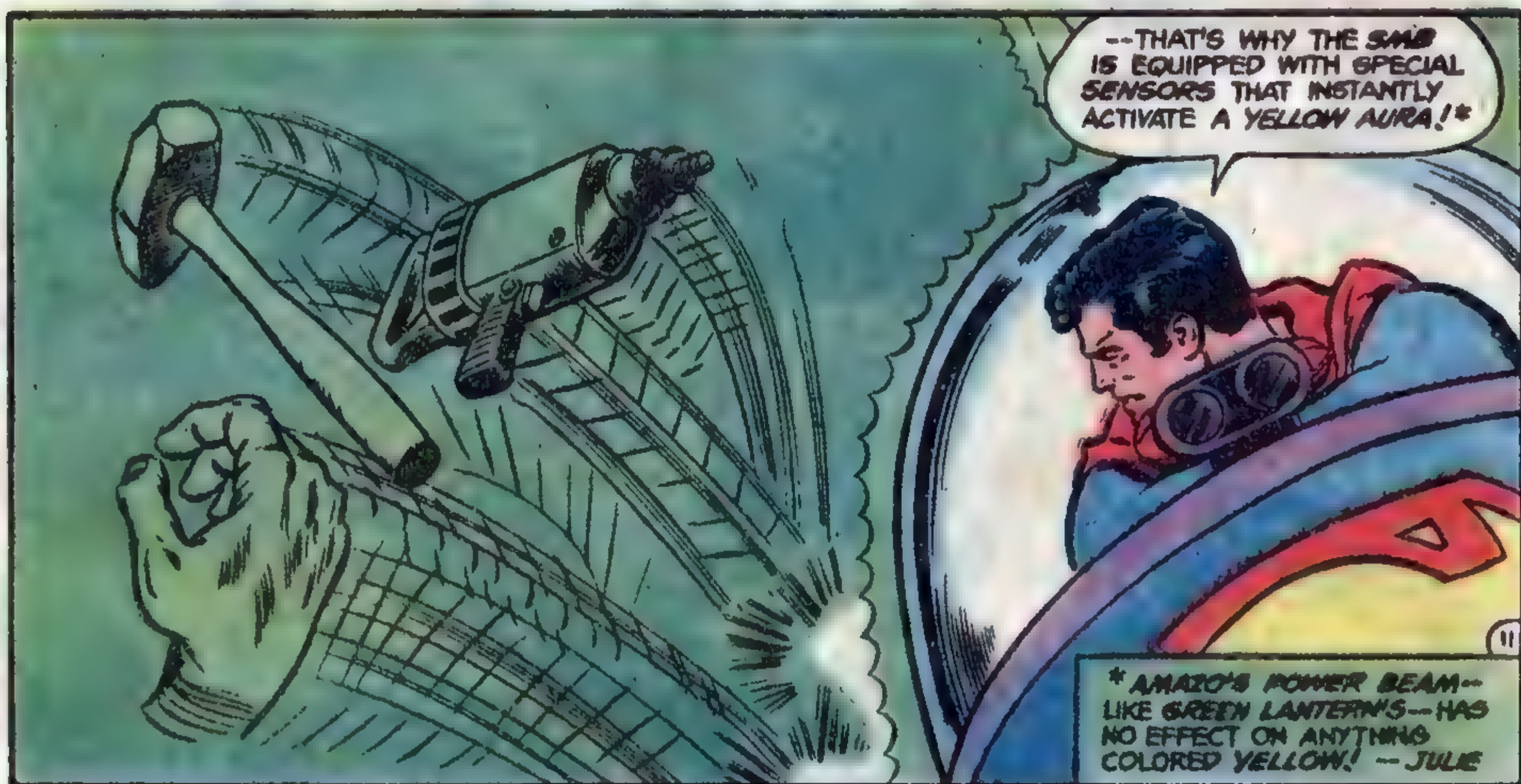
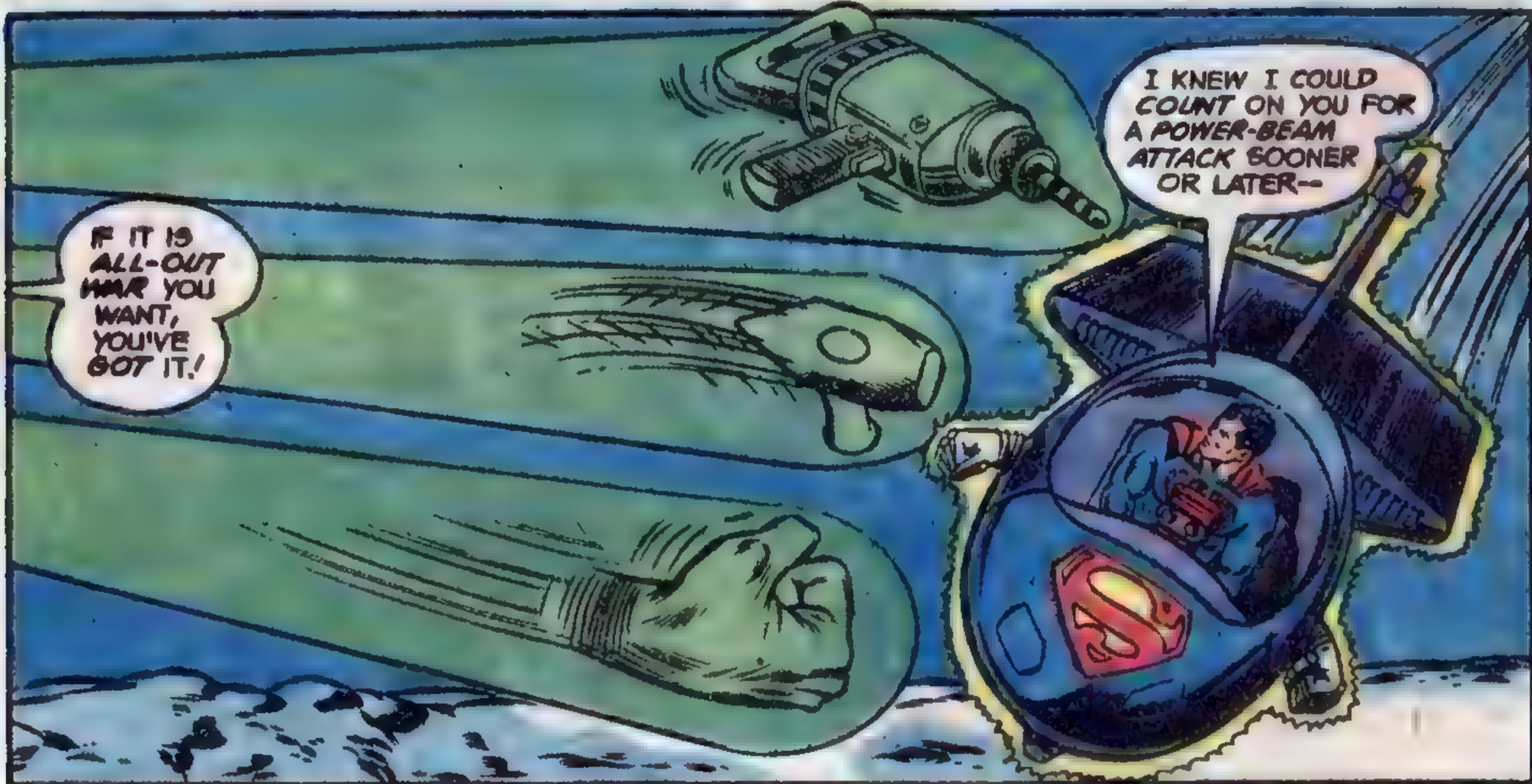
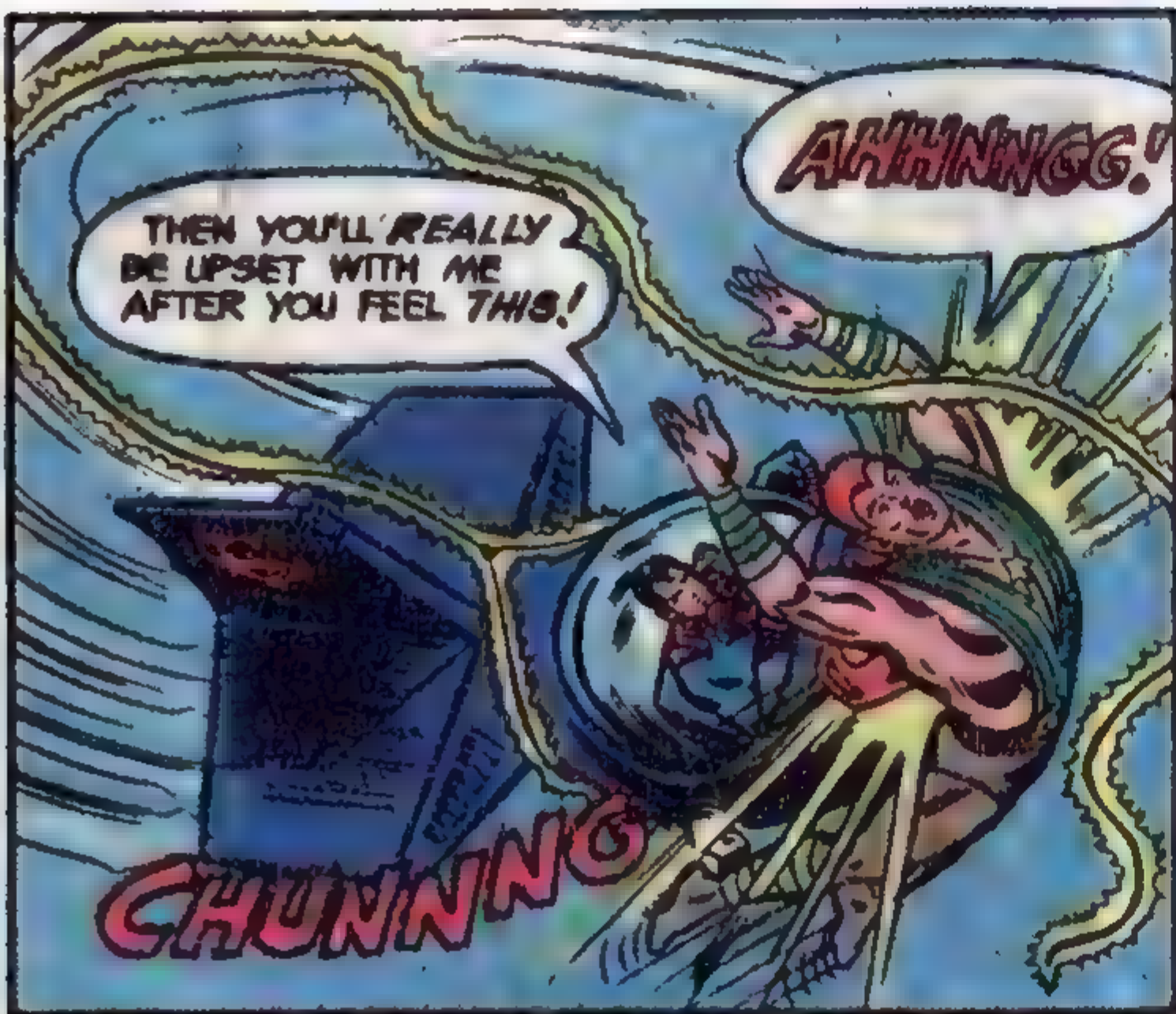
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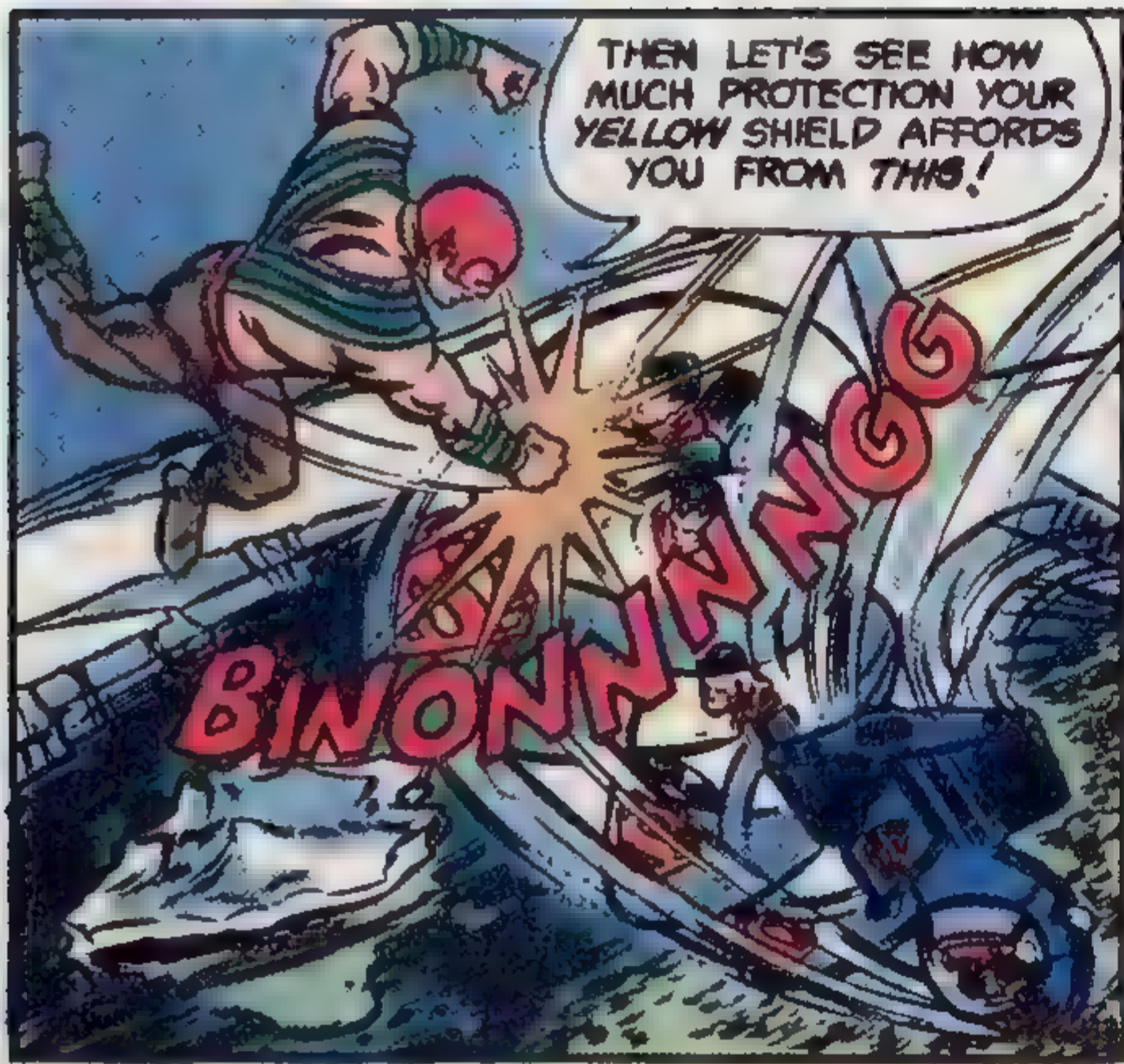
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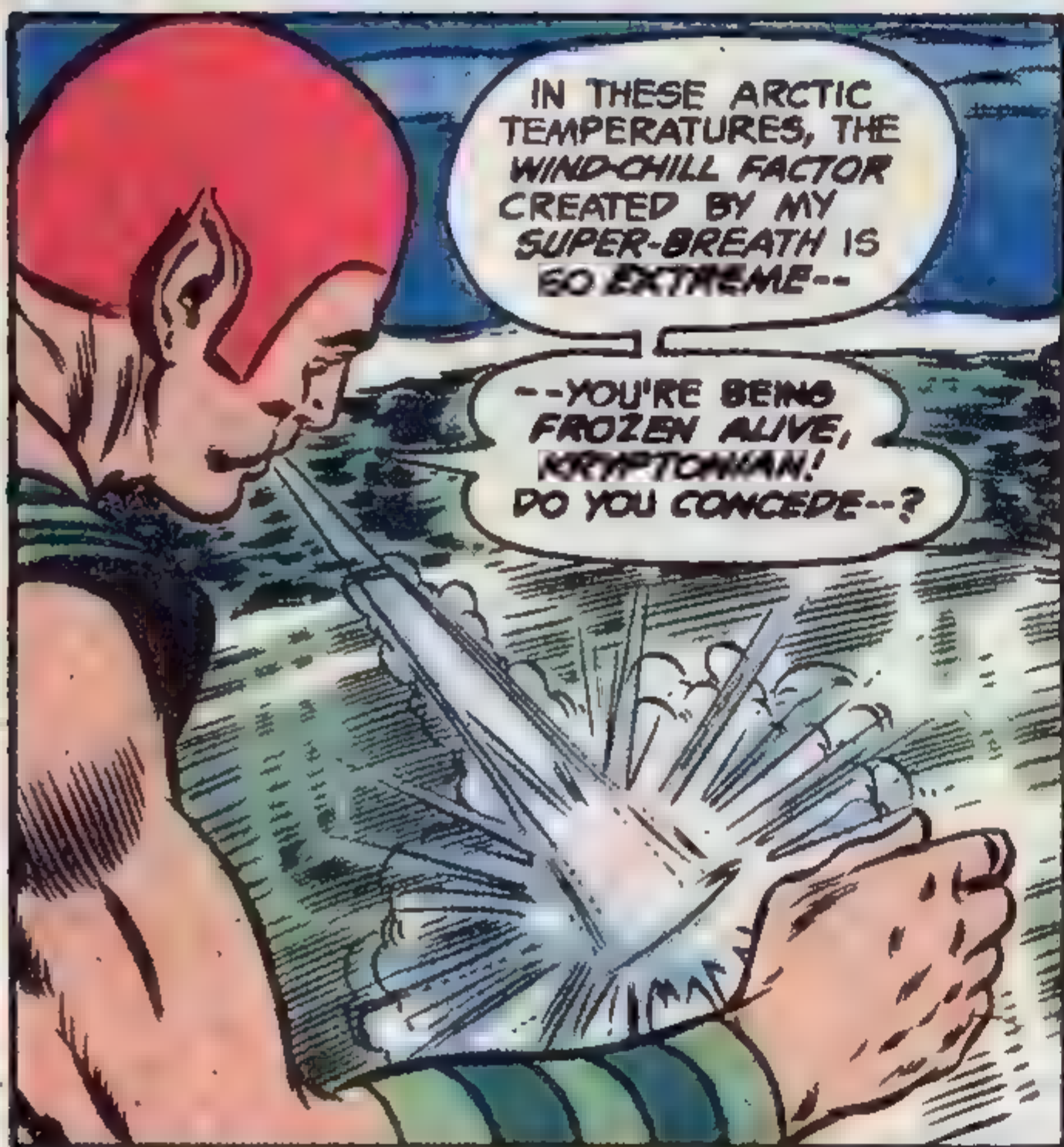


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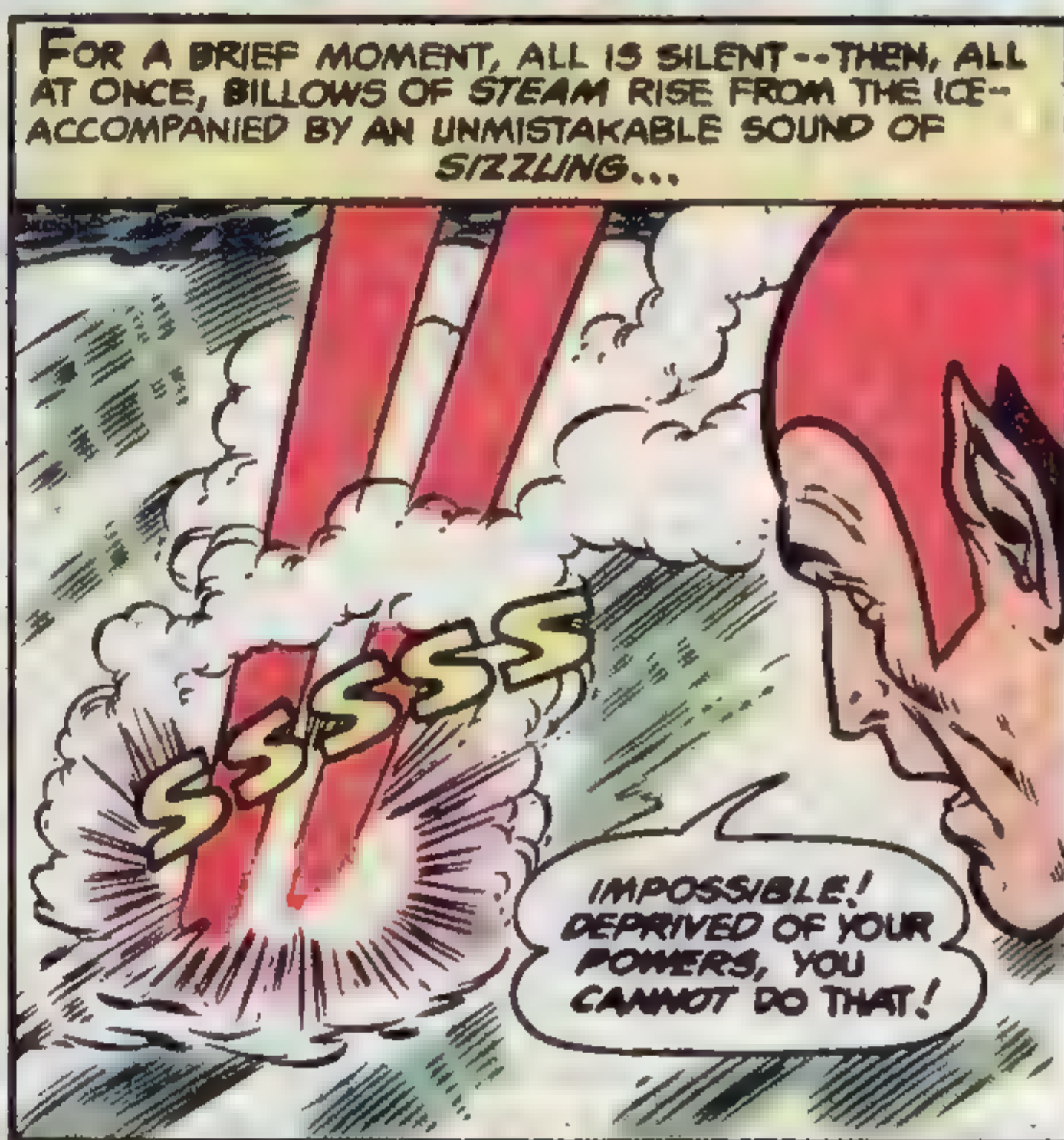


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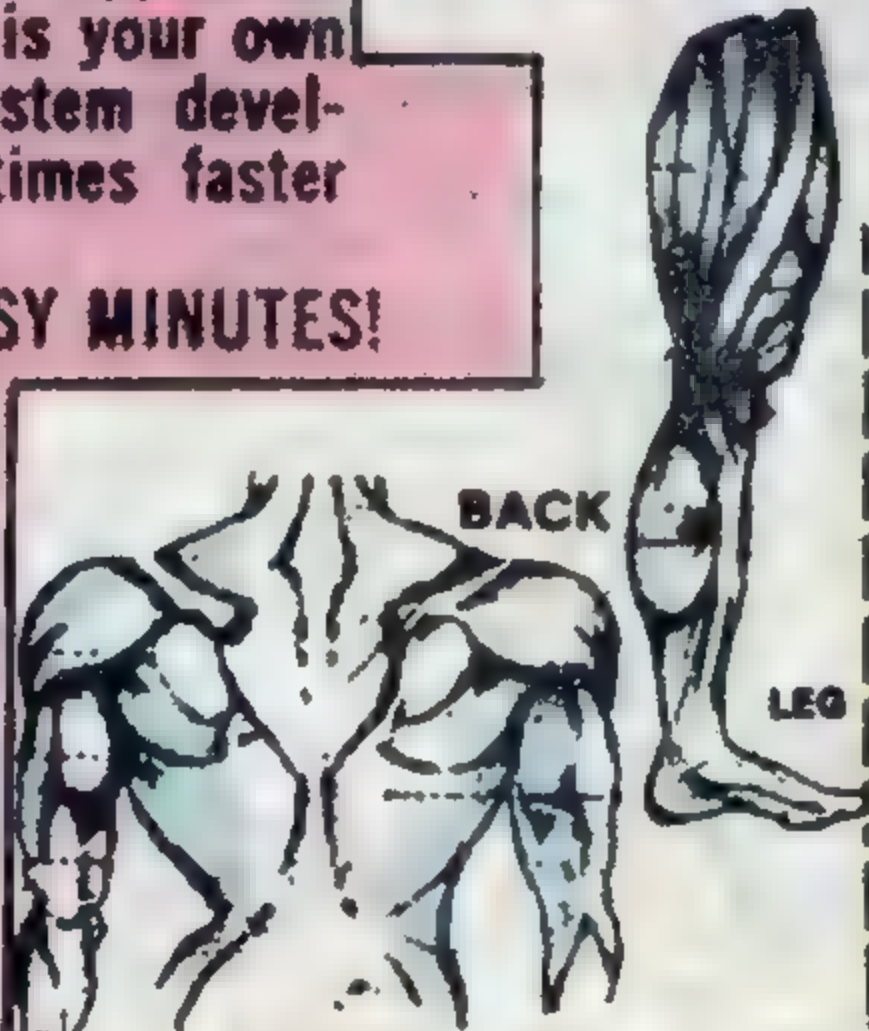
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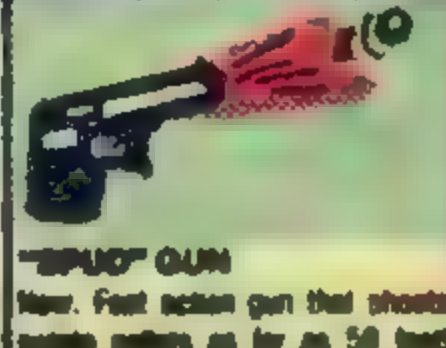
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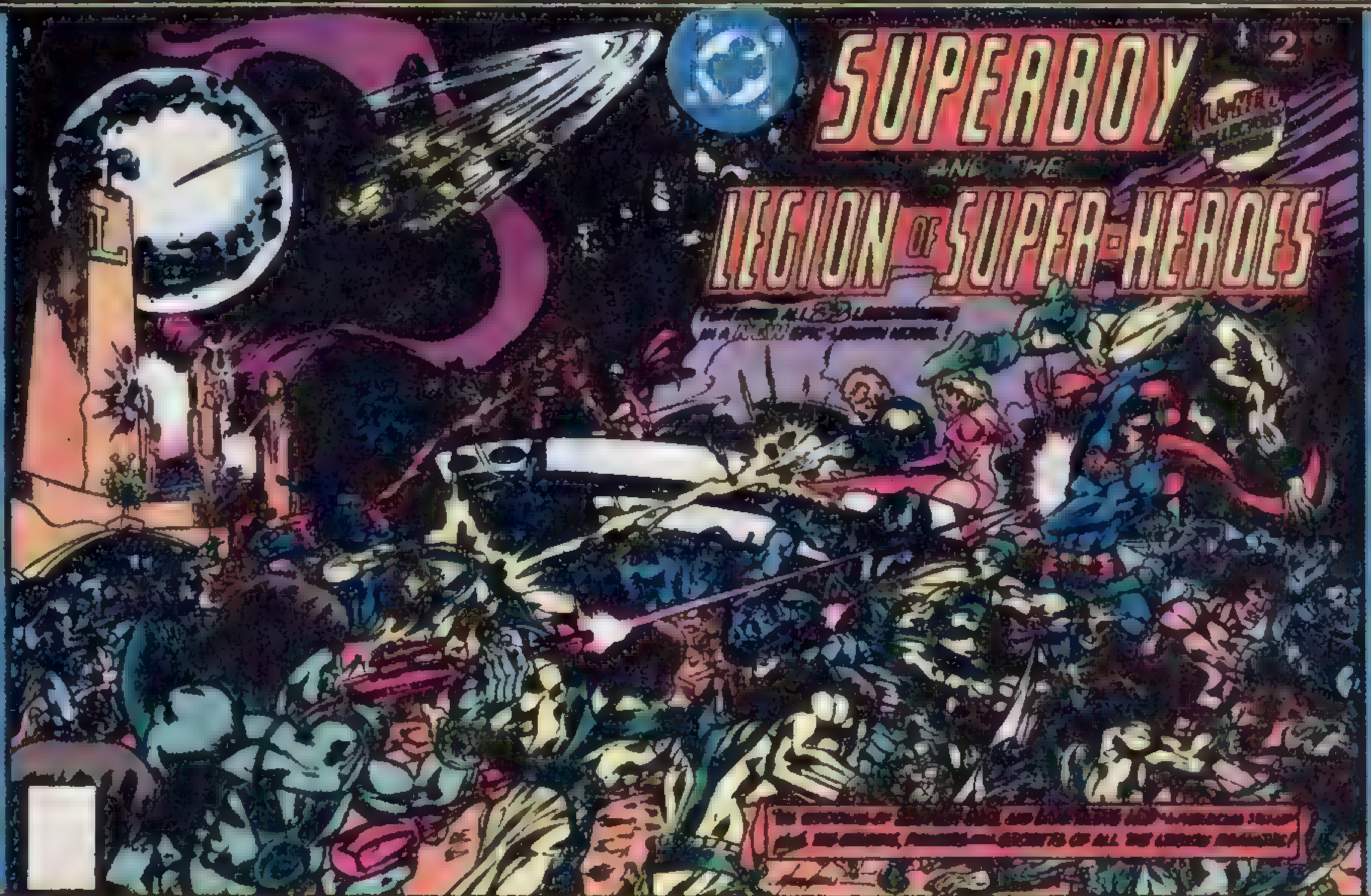
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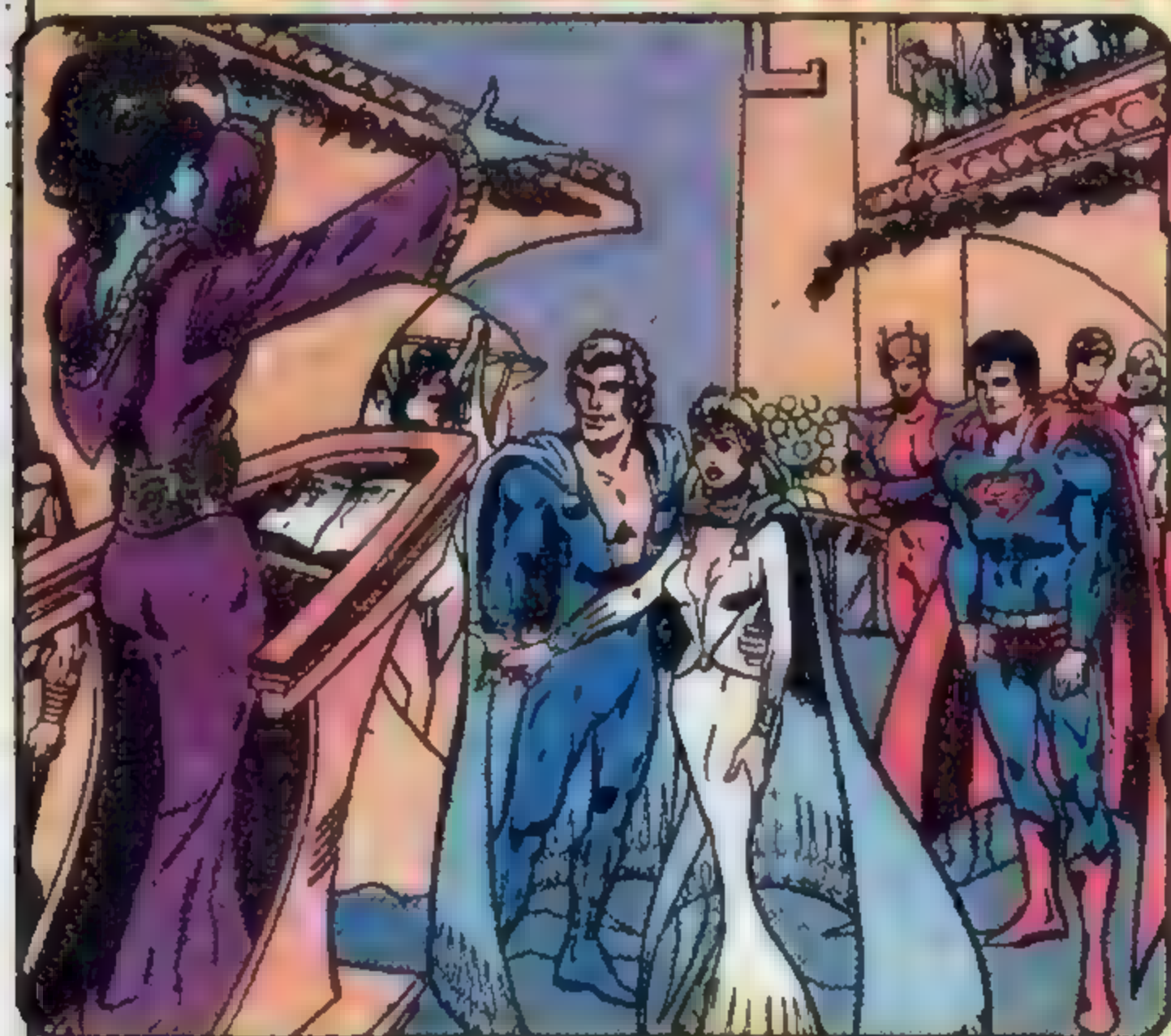


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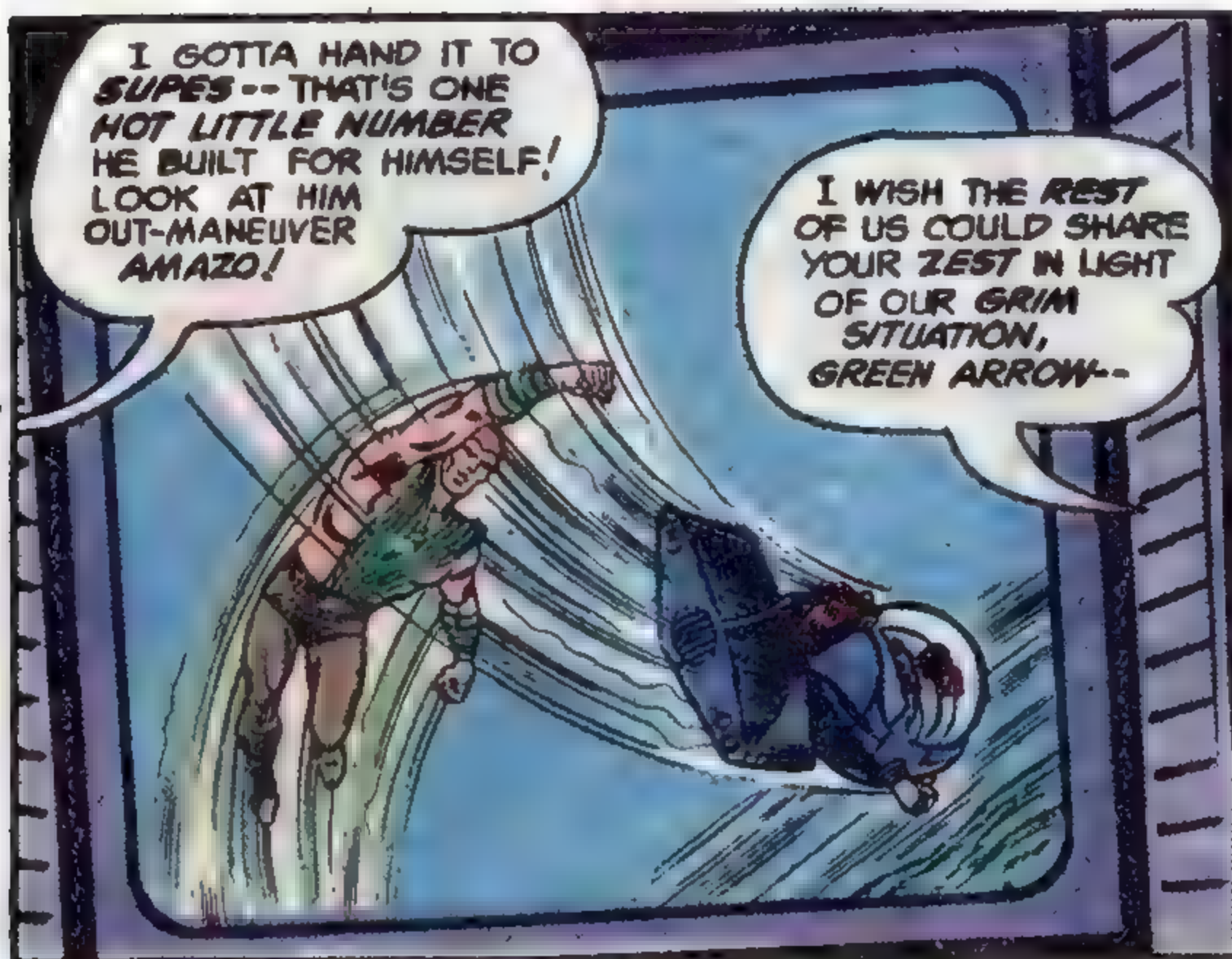
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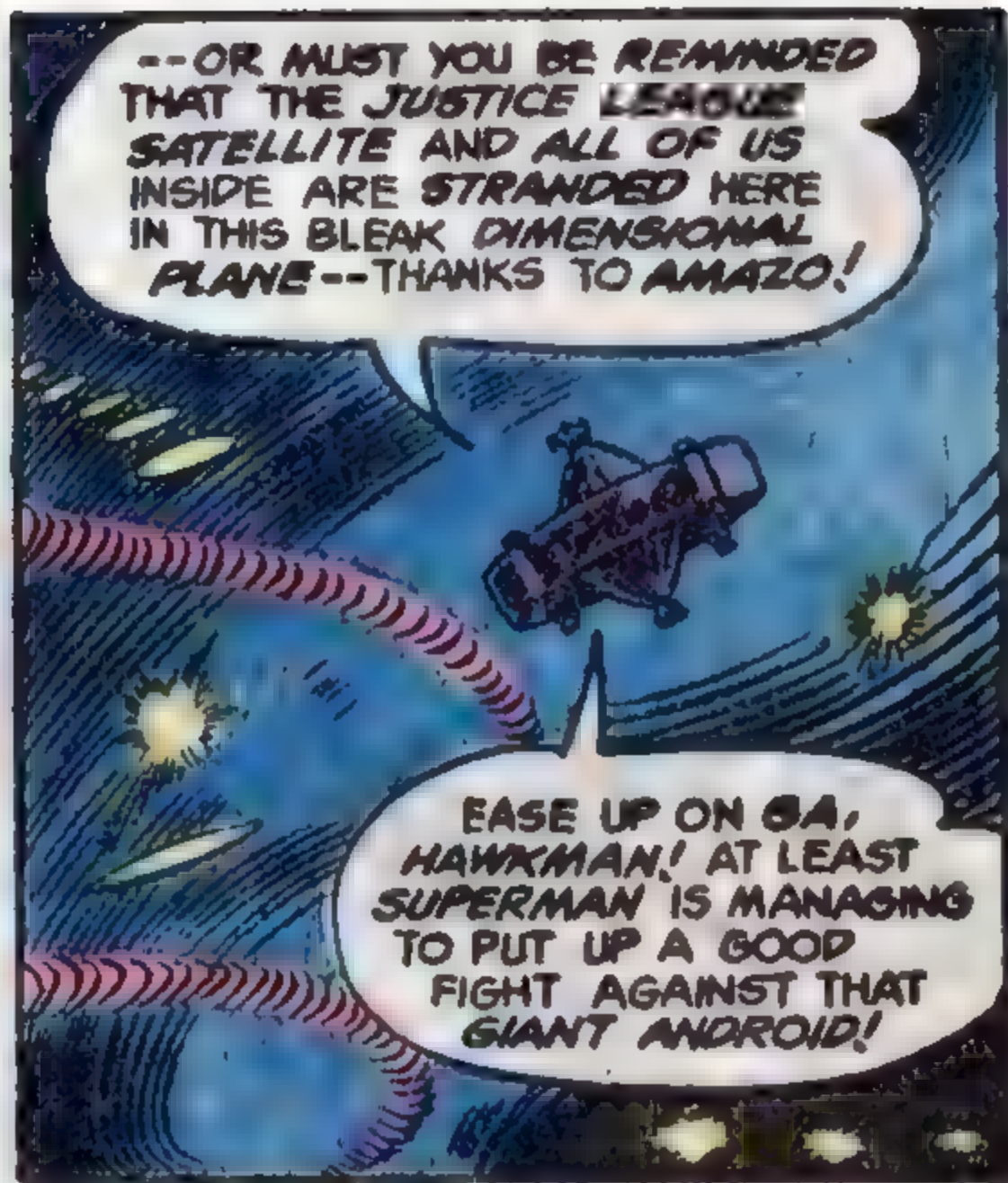
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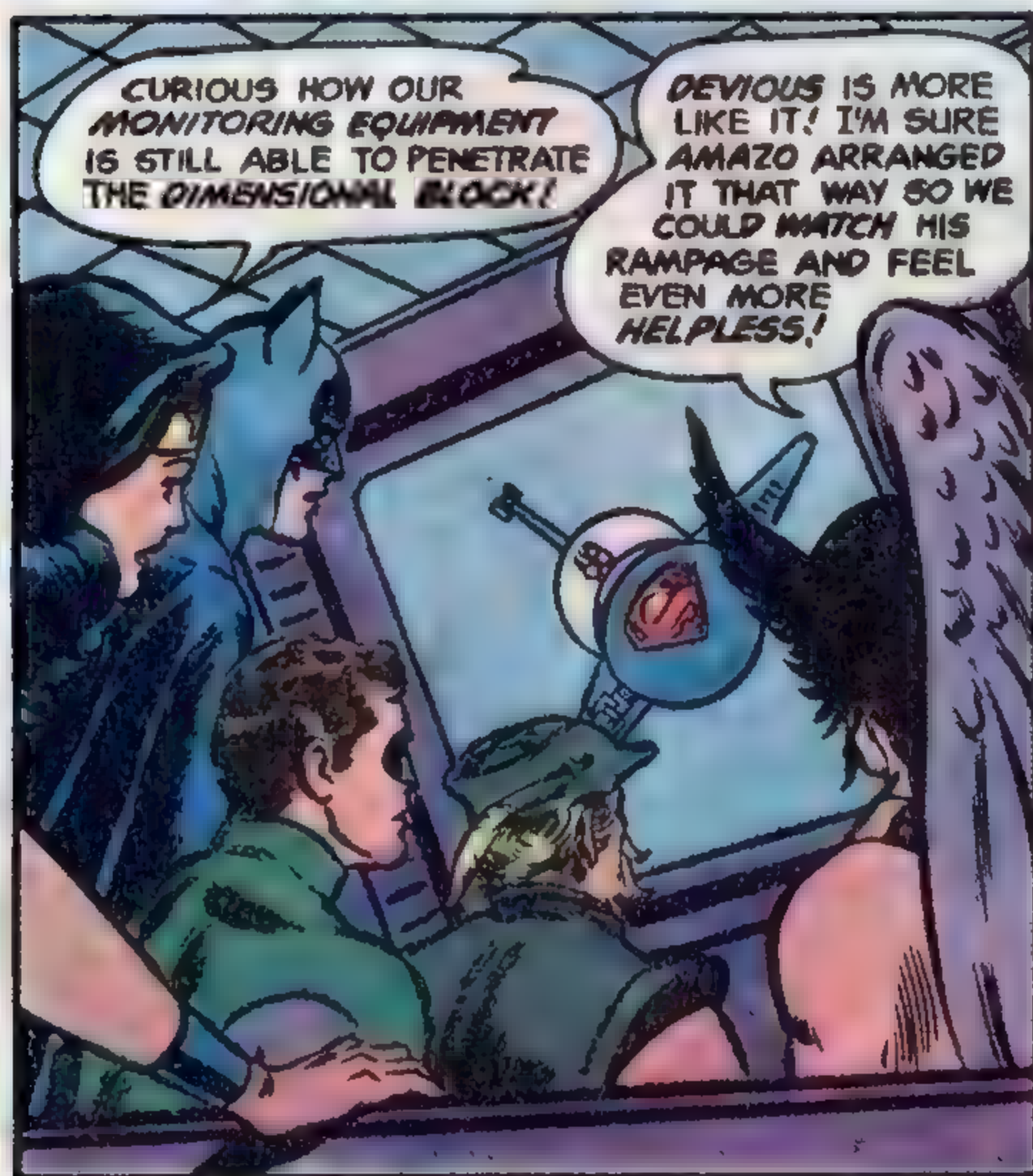
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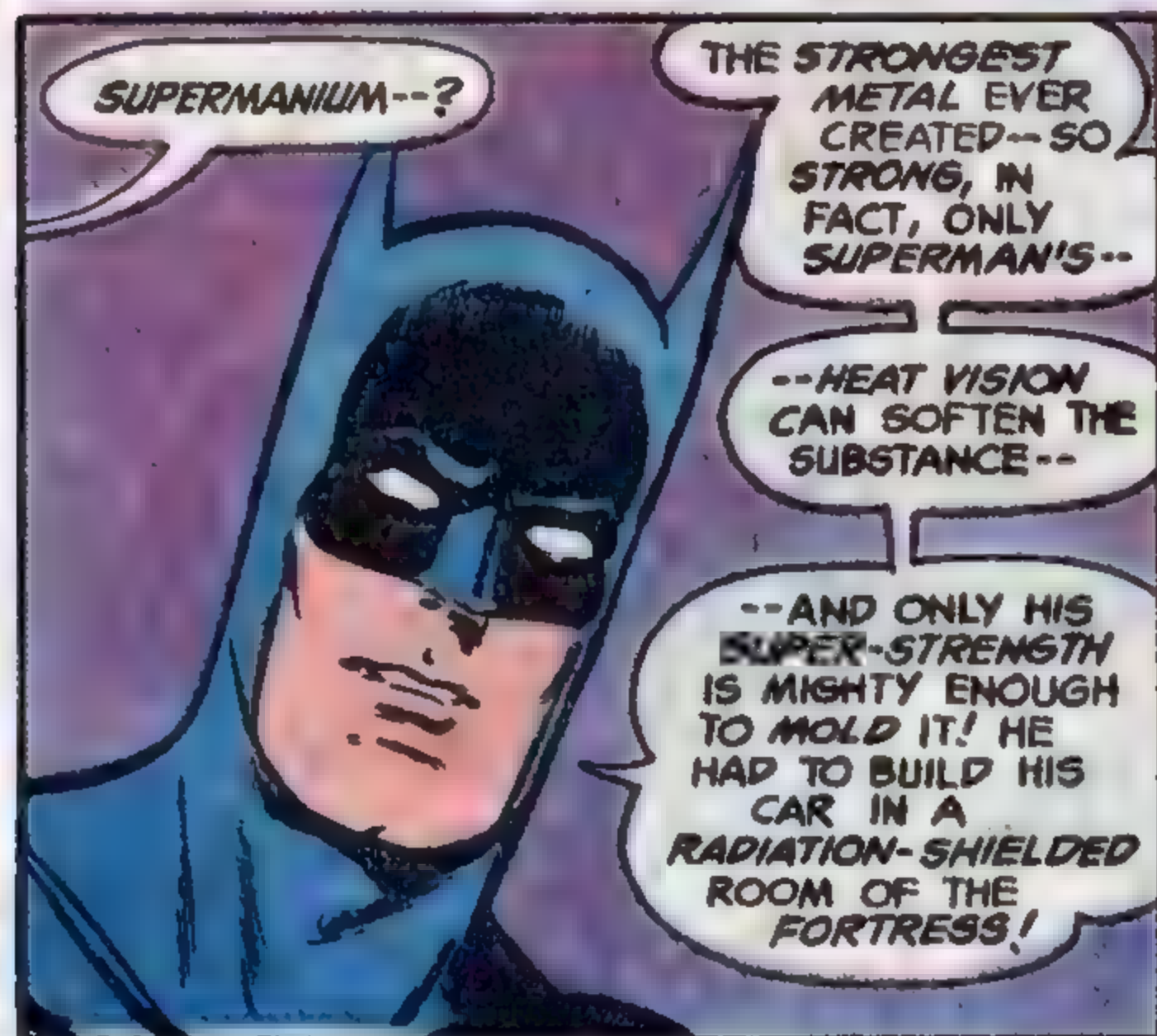
DEVIOUS IS MORE LIKE IT! I'M SURE **AMAZO** ARRANGED IT THAT WAY SO WE COULD **WATCH** HIS **RAMPAGE** AND FEEL EVEN MORE **HELPLESS**!



BUT ONE THING **AMAZO** DIDN'T COUNT ON WAS THE **SUPERMOBILE**!

SOMEHOW THE **VEHICLE SHIELDS** **SUPERMAN** FROM THE **RED RADIATION** THAT'S BEEN **SAPPING** HIS **POWERS**!

--WHICH LEADS ME TO DEDUCE IT IS **CONSTRUCTED** OF **SUPERMANIUM**!

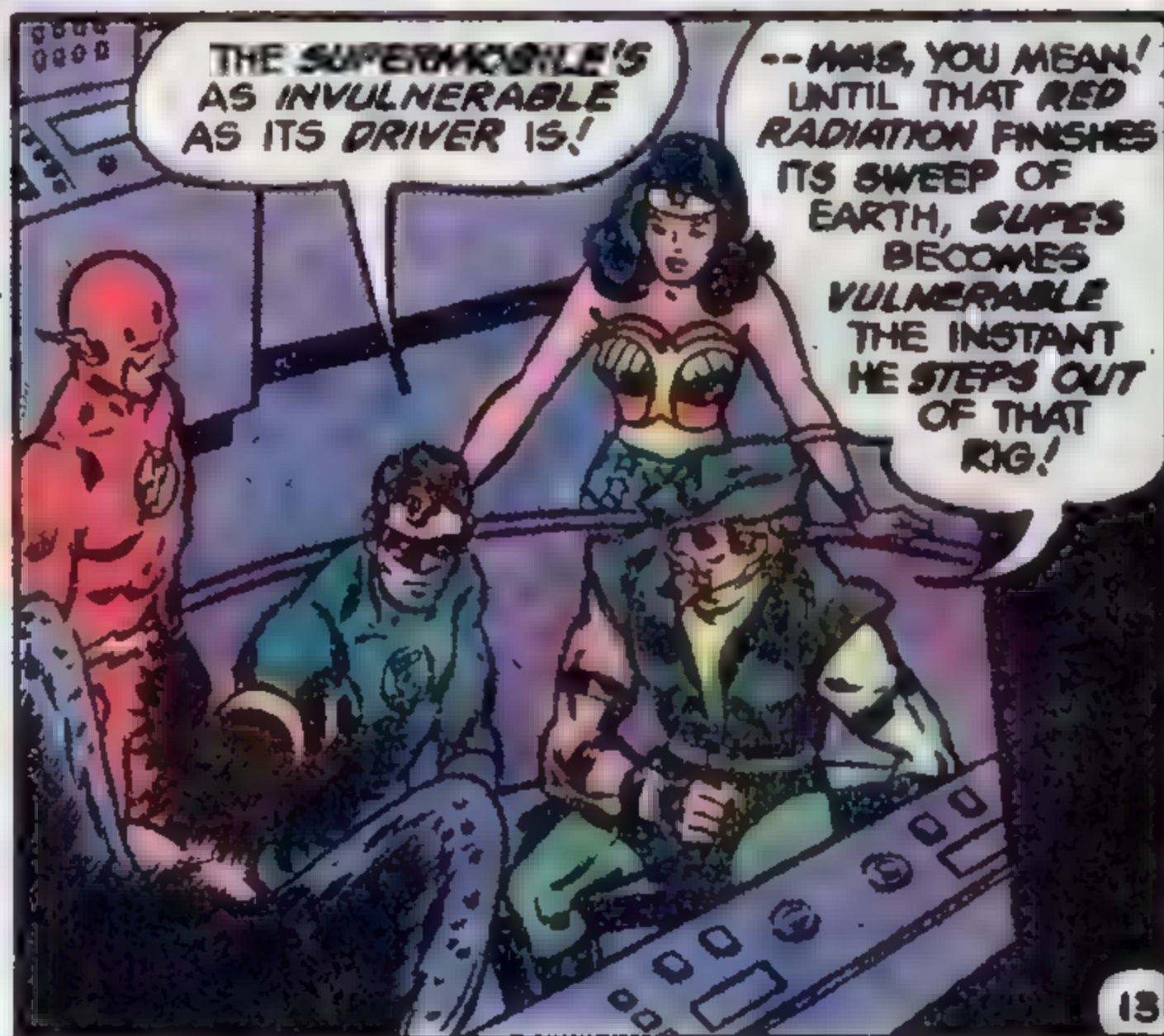


SUPERMANIUM--?

THE **STRONGEST METAL** EVER CREATED-- SO **STRONG**, IN **FACT**, ONLY **SUPERMAN'S**--

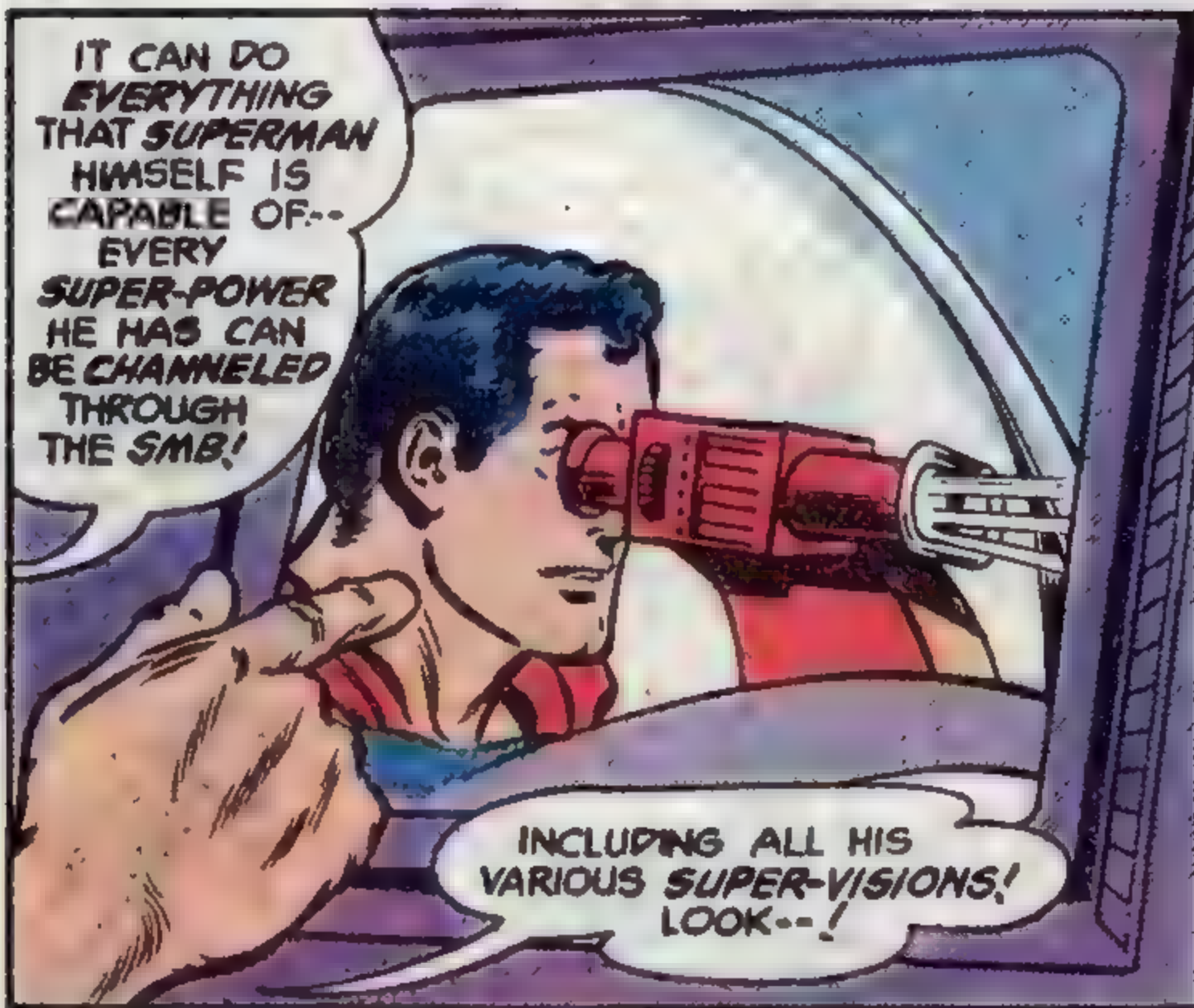
--HEAT **VISION** CAN **SOFTEN** THE **SUBSTANCE**--

--AND ONLY HIS **SUPER-STRENGTH** IS **MIGHTY ENOUGH** TO **MOLD** IT! HE HAD TO **BUILD** HIS **CAR** IN A **RADIATION-SHIELDED** **ROOM** OF THE **FORTRESS**!



THE **SUPERMOBILE'S** AS **INVULNERABLE** AS ITS **DRIVER** IS!

--WAS, YOU MEAN! UNTIL THAT **RED RADIATION** FINISHES ITS **SWEEP** OF **EARTH**, **SUPES** BECOMES **VULNERABLE** THE **INSTANT** HE **STEPS** OUT OF THAT **RIG**!



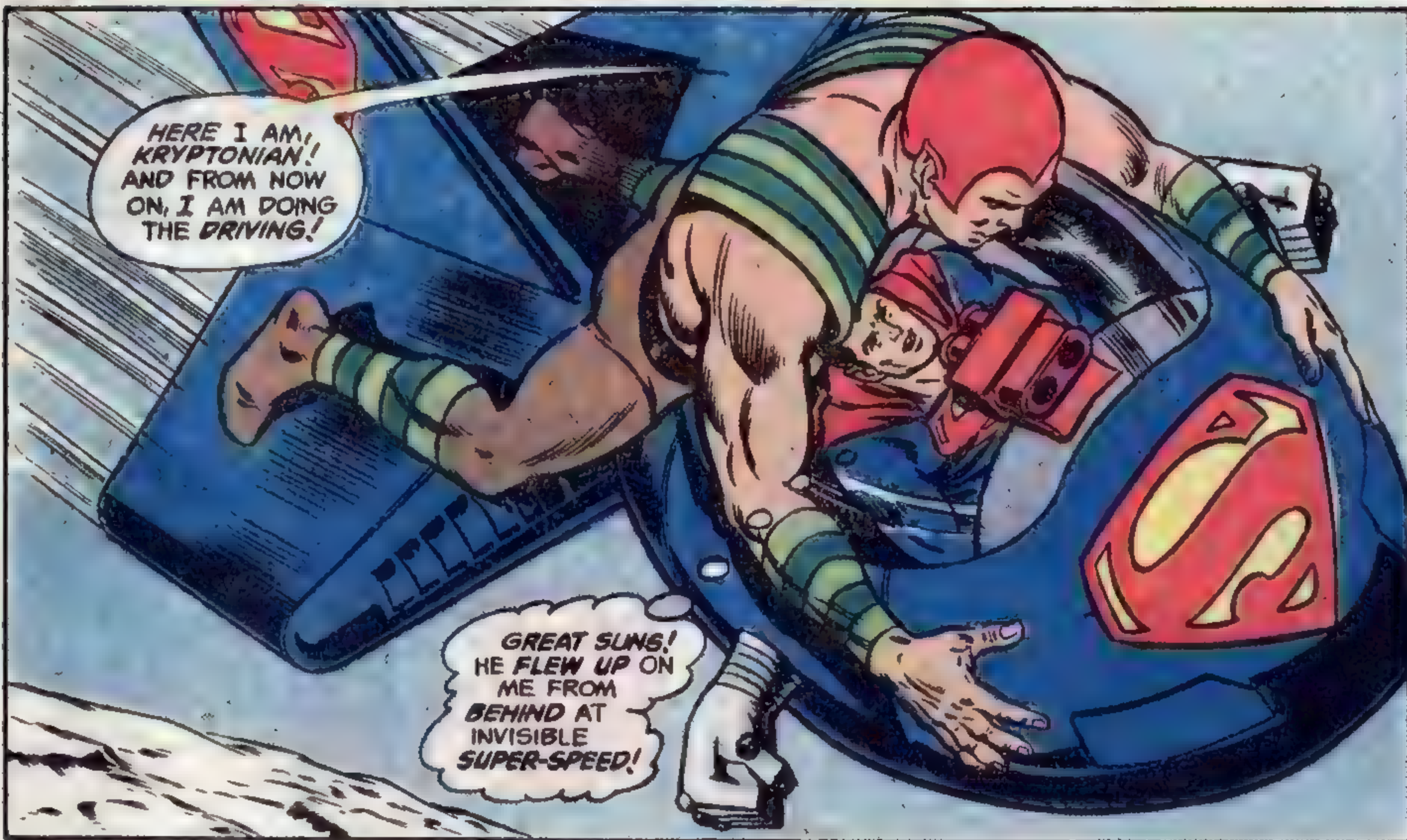
IT CAN DO
EVERYTHING
THAT **SUPERMAN**
HIMSELF IS
CAPABLE OF--
EVERY
SUPER-POWER
HE HAS CAN
BE **CHANNELED**
THROUGH
THE **SMB!**

INCLUDING ALL HIS
VARIOUS **SUPER-VISIONS!**
LOOK--!



ODD! A
FEW SECONDS
AGO, **AMAZO**
DROPPED OUT
OF **SIGHT** IN
THE **MIDST** OF
OUR **BATTLE!**

I'LL SWEEP
THE AREA
WITH
TELESCOPIC
VISION AND
TRY TO
RELOCATE
HIM!



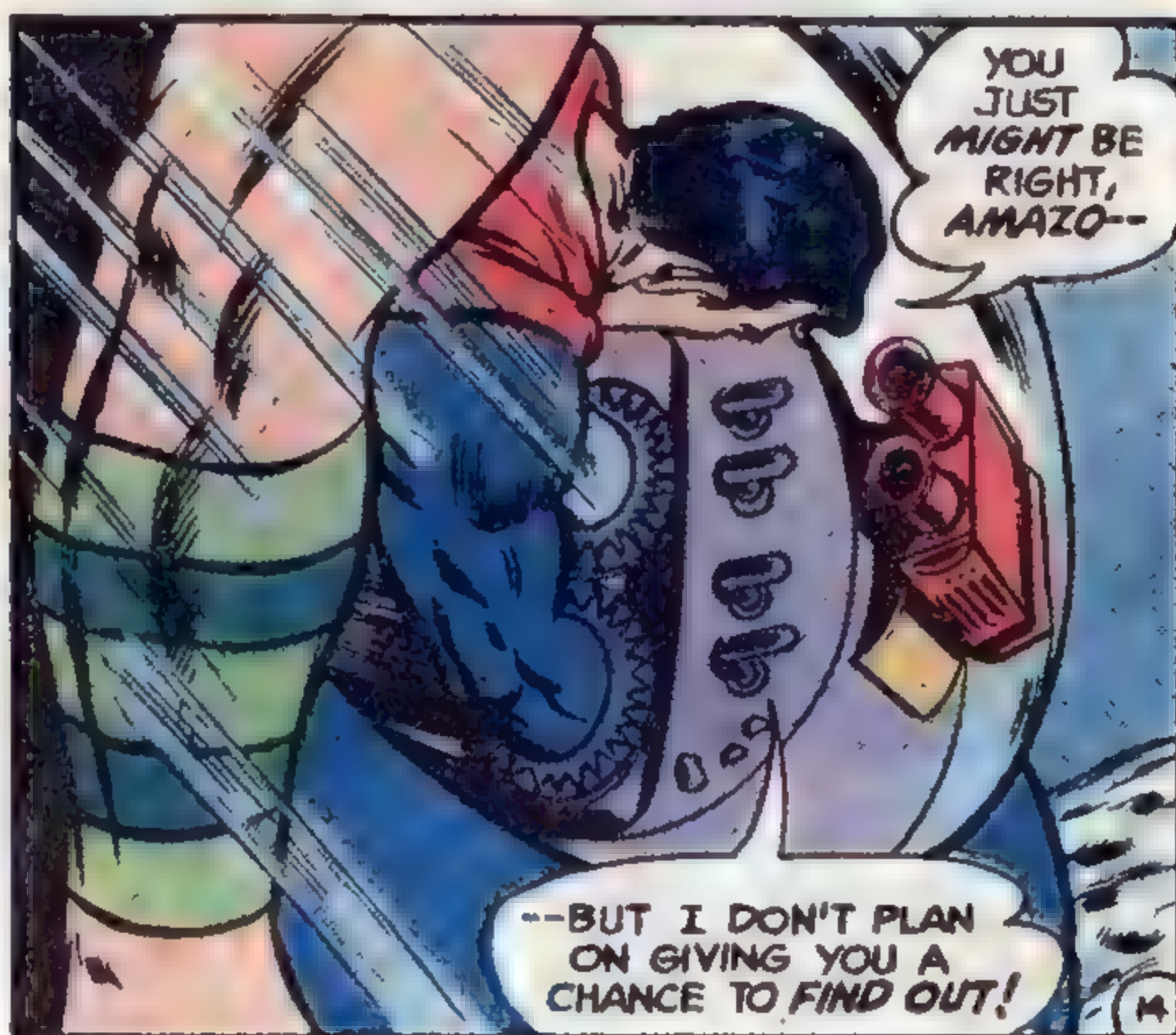
HERE I AM,
KRYPTONIAN!
AND FROM NOW
ON, I AM DOING
THE **DRIVING!**

GREAT SUNS!
HE FLEW UP ON
ME FROM
BEHIND AT
INVISIBLE
SUPER-SPEED!



NO MATTER WHAT
YOUR VEHICLE IS
MADE OF--

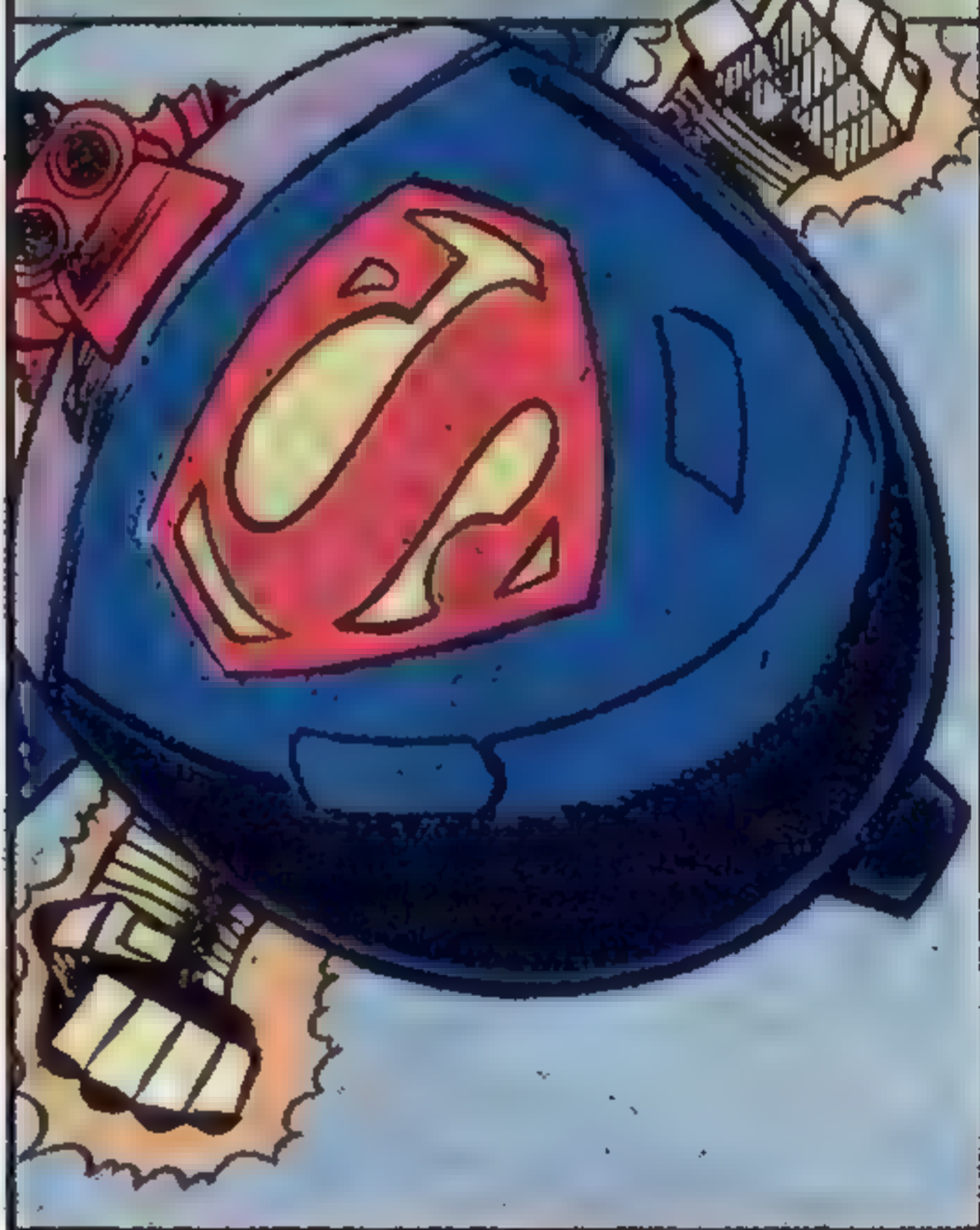
--AT **THIS SPEED**,
IT CANNOT POSSIBLY
WITHSTAND THE
IMPACT WHEN
WE **HIT!**



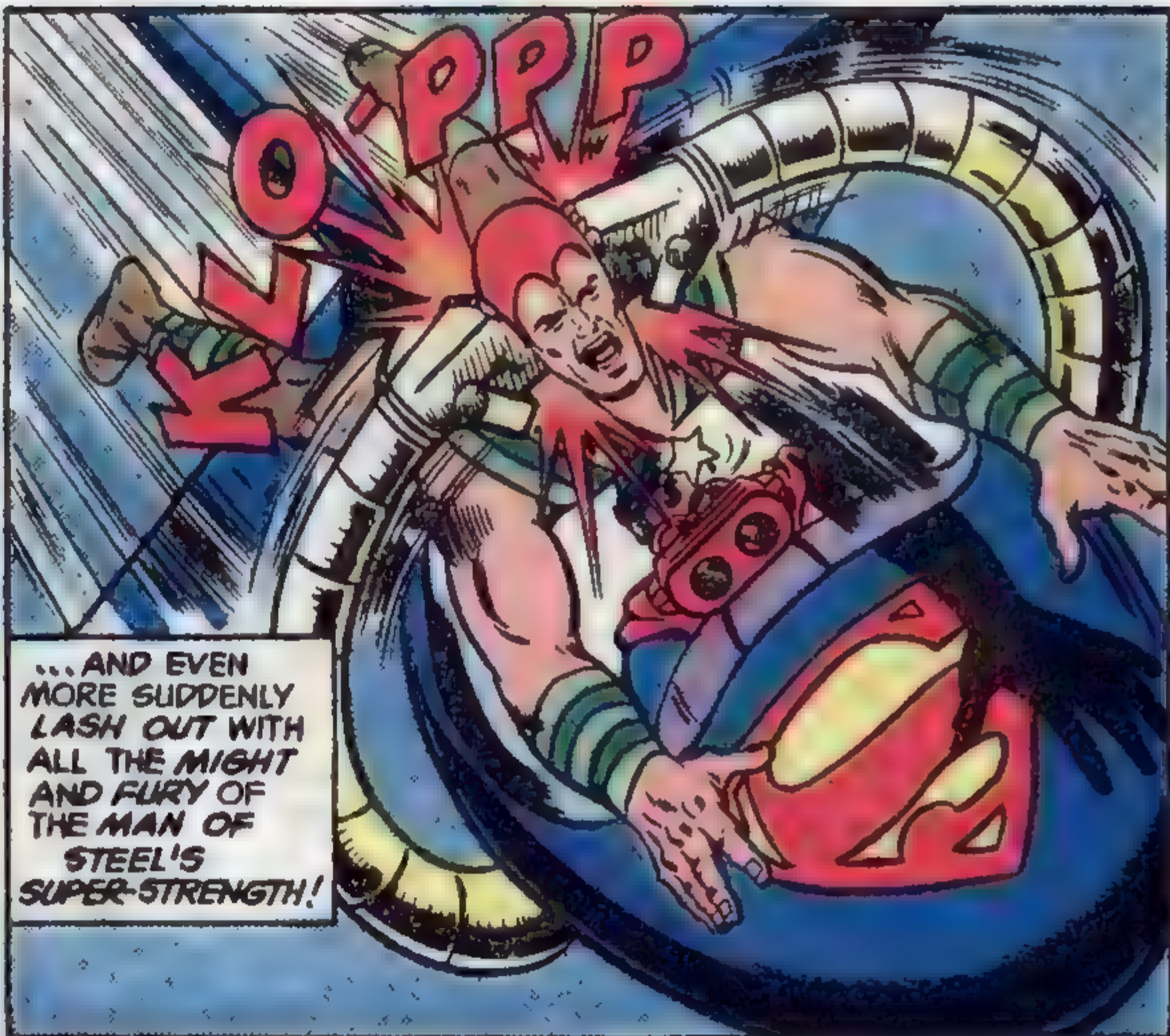
YOU
JUST
MIGHT BE
RIGHT,
AMAZO--

--BUT I DON'T PLAN
ON GIVING YOU A
CHANCE TO **FIND OUT!**

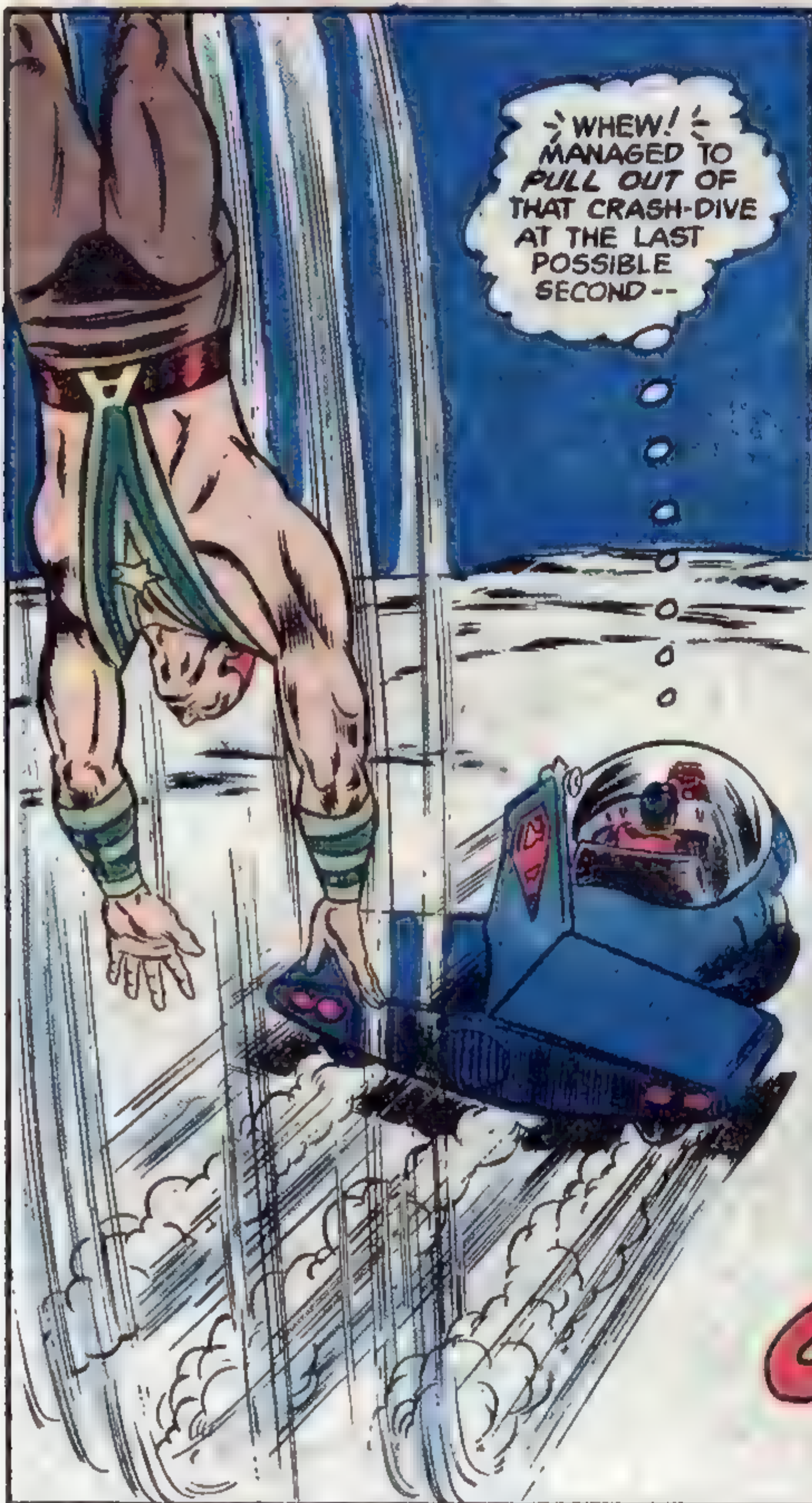
WITH THE GROUND MERE MOMENTS AWAY, THE TWO ROBOTIC HANDS SNUGLY NESTLED ON EITHER SIDE OF THE SMB'S HULL SUDDENLY GLOW...



...AND EVEN MORE SUDDENLY LASH OUT WITH ALL THE MIGHT AND FURY OF THE MAN OF STEEL'S SUPER-STRENGTH!



WHEW! MANAGED TO PULL OUT OF THAT CRASH-DIVE AT THE LAST POSSIBLE SECOND --



-- SOMETHING MY DOUBLE-PUNCH LEFT AMAZO TOO STUNNED TO PULL OFF!

CRASHHHH



YET, SCARCELY A
SPLIT-SECOND LATER...

SO! YOUR
SUPERMOBILE
IS EQUIPPED
FOR LAND-TRAVEL
AS WELL AS
SEA AND AIR!

WITH ALL THOSE
POWERS, NOTHING
KEEPS AMAZO DOWN
FOR LONG!

YOUR SUPERMOBILE
CAUGHT ME UNPREPARED--
I NEED TIME TO
FORMULATE A NEW
PLAN OF ATTACK!

I BELIEVE
THE TERM
FOR THIS
CURRENT
SITUATION IS
STALEMATE!

BUT AS THE ACTION ACE
RETURNS HIS EYES TO
THE ROAD...

GREAT KRYPTON!

PROFESSOR IVO--
STANDING DIRECTLY
IN MY PATH!

AND AT THIS
SUPER-SPEED
VELOCITY--

--I CAN'T MANEUVER
THE SMB ABOVE OR
AROUND HIM IN TIME!

INDEED! THEN
YOUR VEHICLE
DOES HAVE
ITS LIMITS!

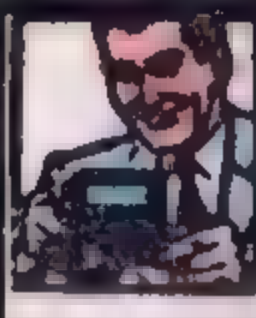
A PITY--

--A PITY THAT WAS
ONLY A POWER-BEAM
ILLUSION OF IVO
CREATED BY ME!

HEED MY WORDS,
KRYPTONIAN-- YOU
AND YOU ALONE KNOW
WHERE THE REAL IVO
IS HIDING--

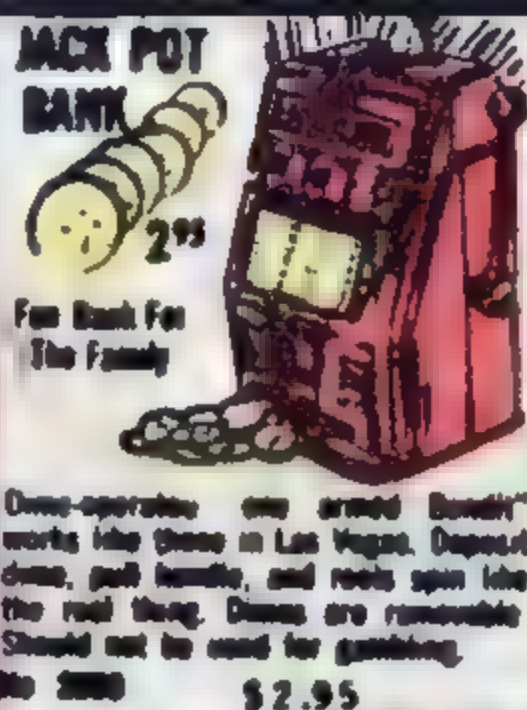
--AND BEFORE LONG,
YOU WILL REVEAL THAT
SECRET TO ME!

MONEY MANAGER



Insert a blank piece of paper, turn the knob and... OUT COMES A REAL DOLLAR BILL! Insert the dollar and it changes to a \$5 then the \$5 changes to \$10. Item A138 \$1.35

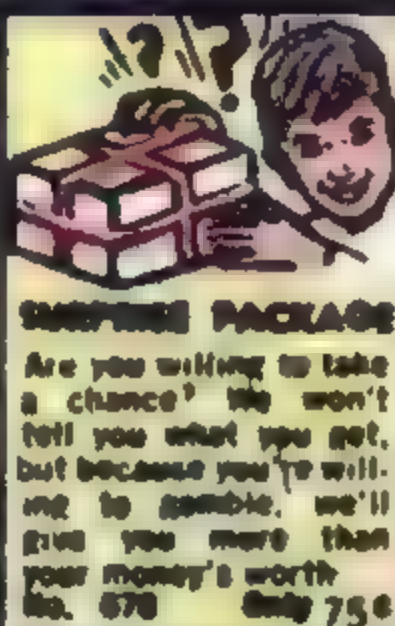
JACK POT BANK



Fun Bank For The Family

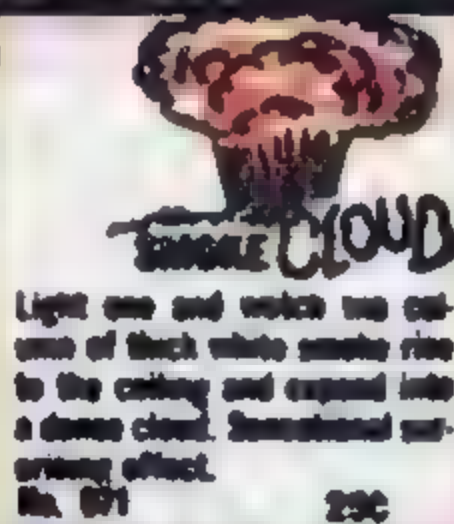
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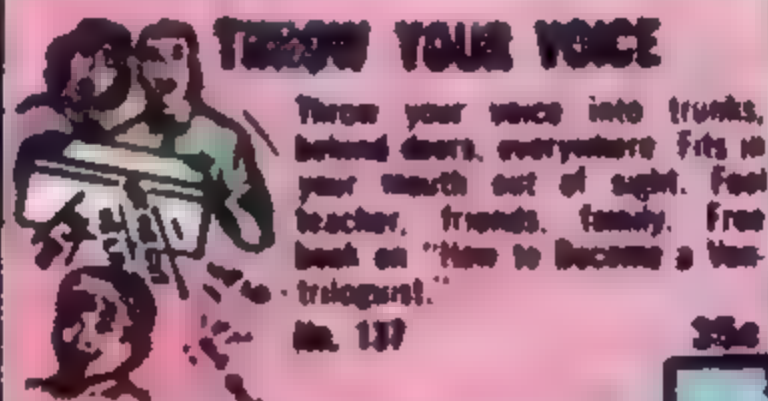
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MONSTER



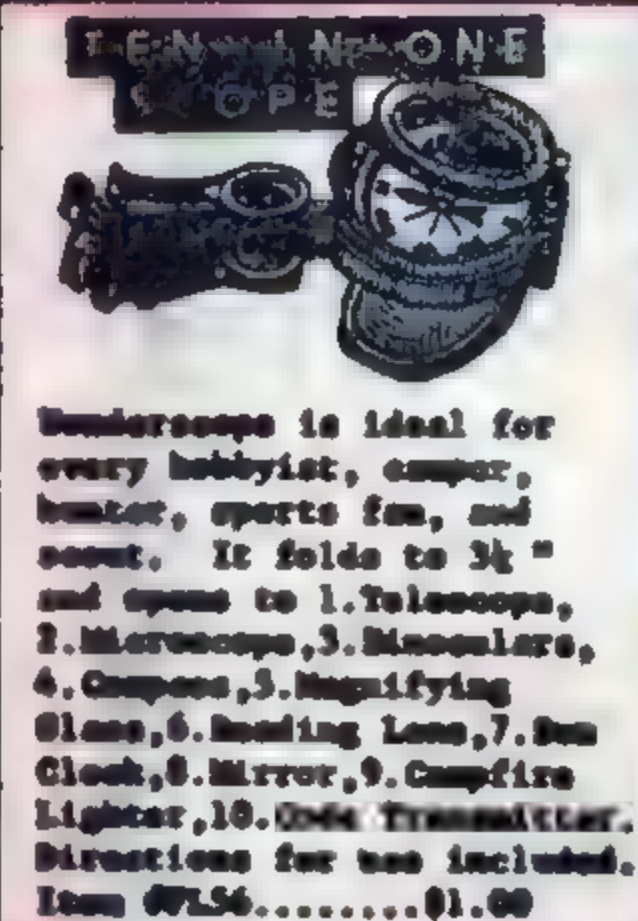
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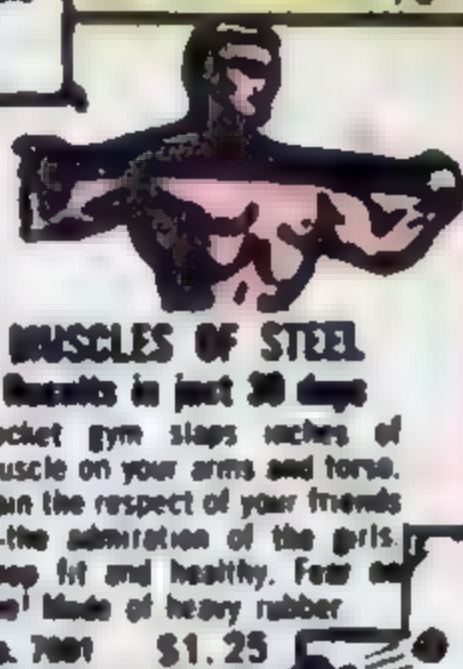
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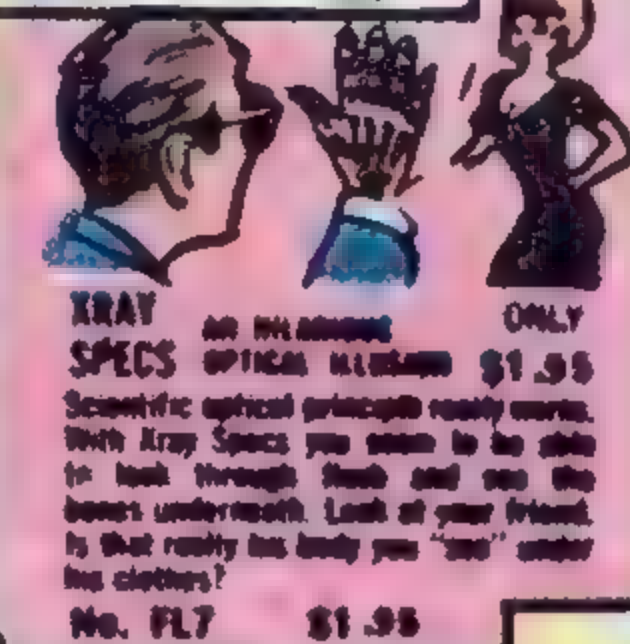
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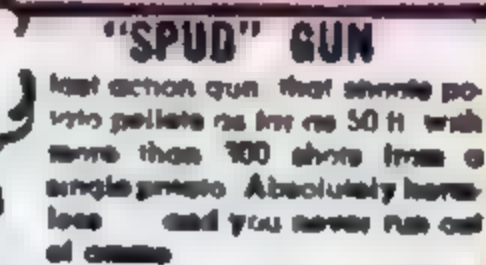
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7 FOOT MONSTER

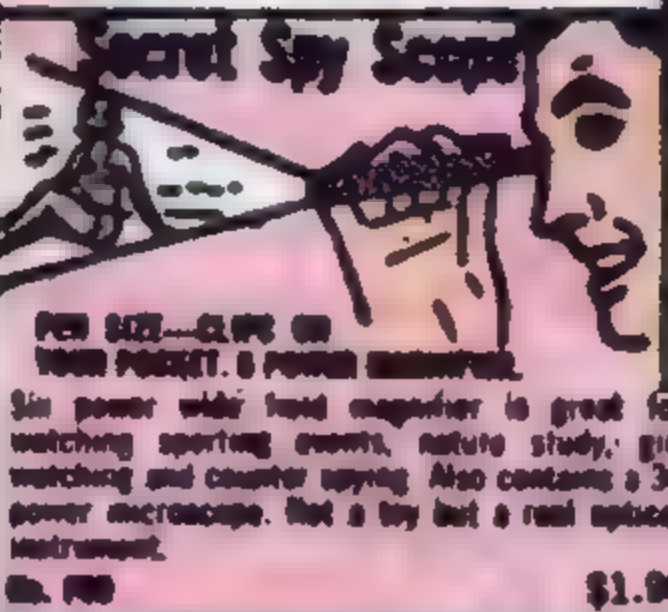


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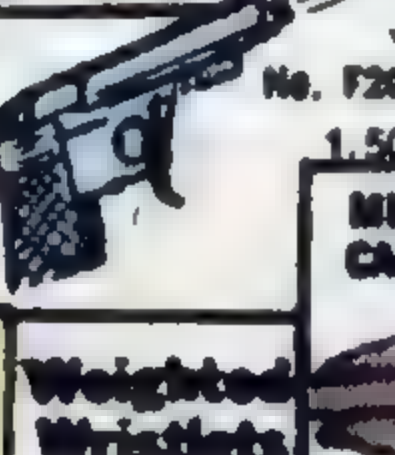
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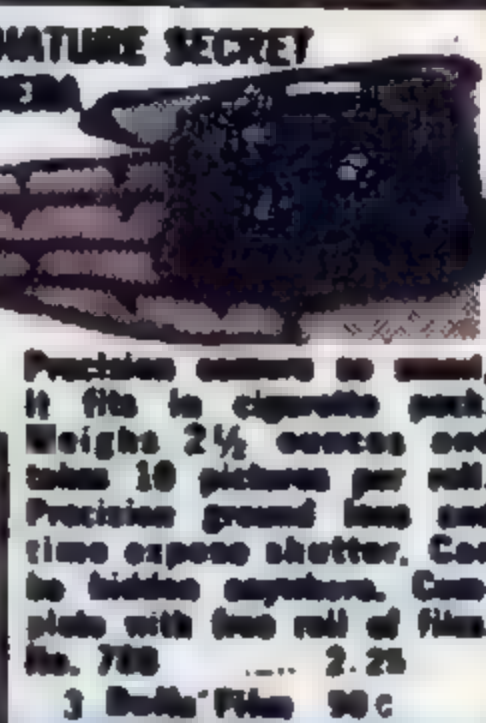


Looks like any book to camouflage your valuables. Securely locked with your own private combination. Tough under-structure is covered with simulated leather binding. No. 700 \$1.00

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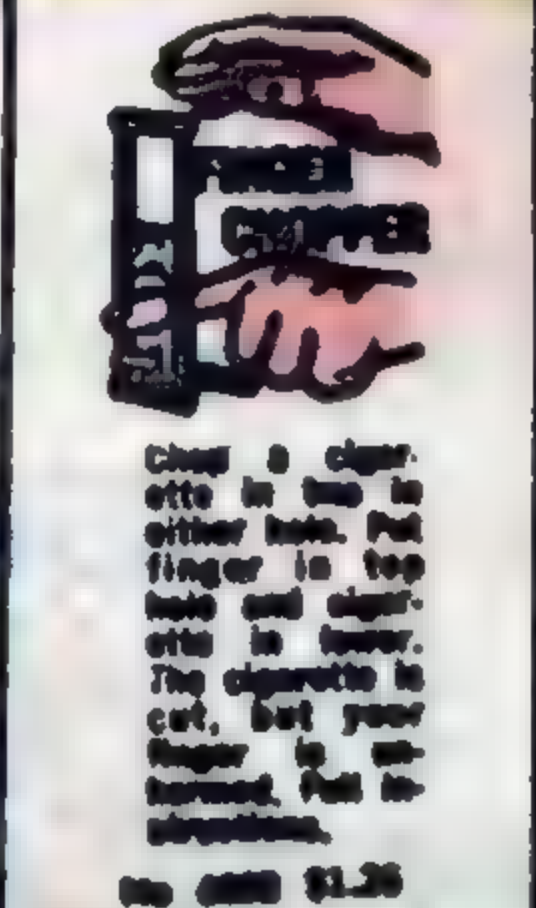
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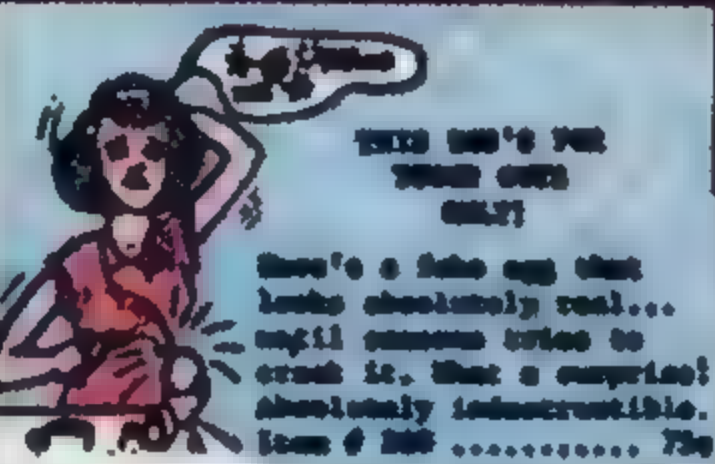
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FINGER CHOPPER



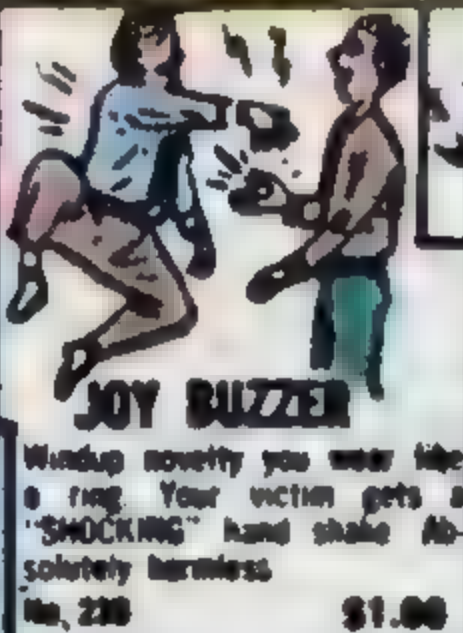
Chop a cigarette in two in either hole. Put finger in top hole and cigarette in lower. The cigarette is cut, but your finger is unharmed. Full instructions. No. 000 \$1.25

THIS ONE'S FOR YOUR OWN



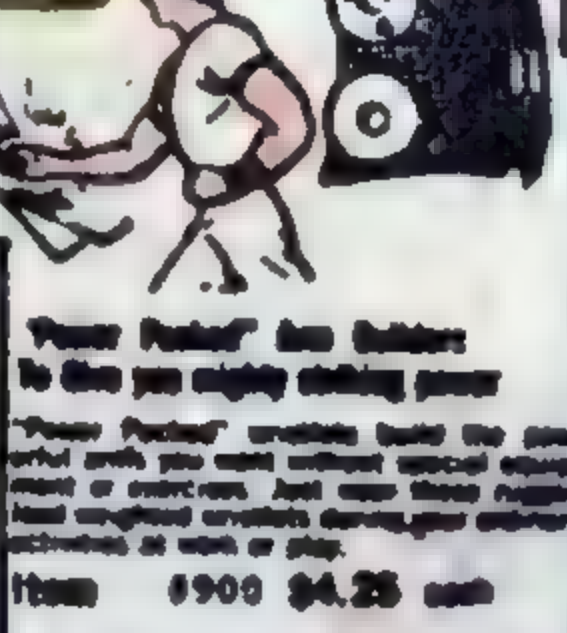
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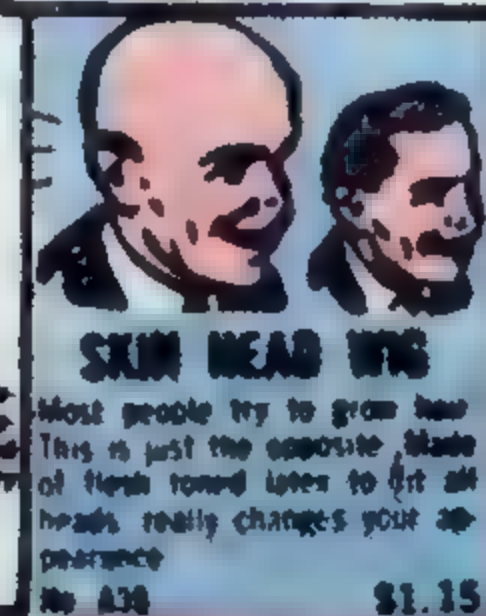
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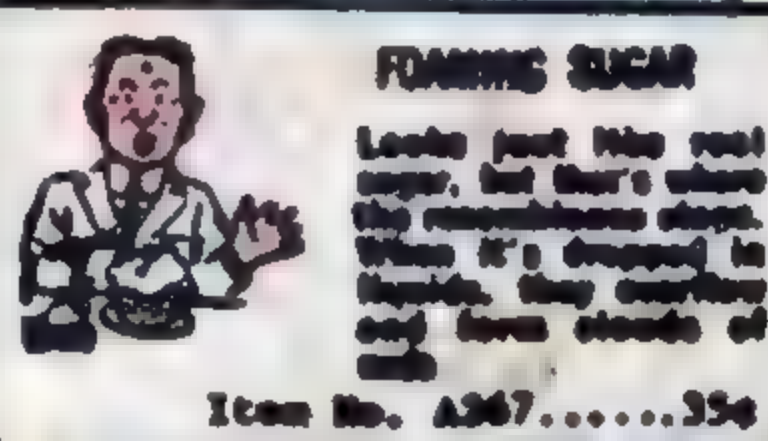
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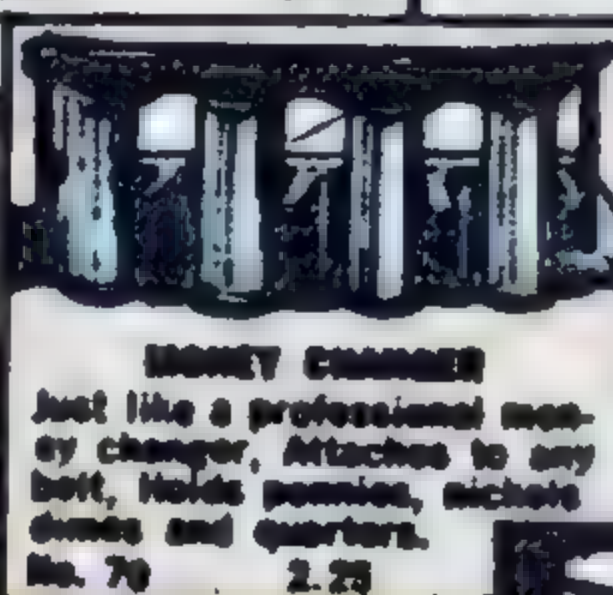
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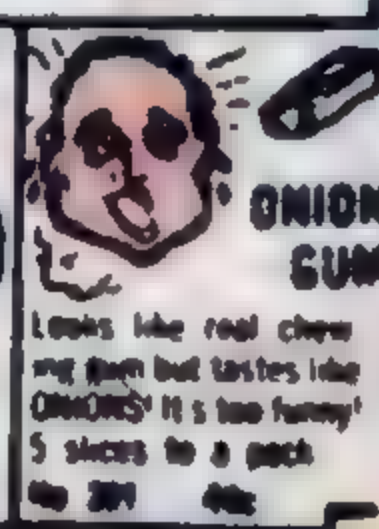
Looks just like real sugar, but there's where the resemblance stops. When it's dropped in liquids, they overflow and form clouds of foam. Item No. A367.....35¢

MONEY CHANGER



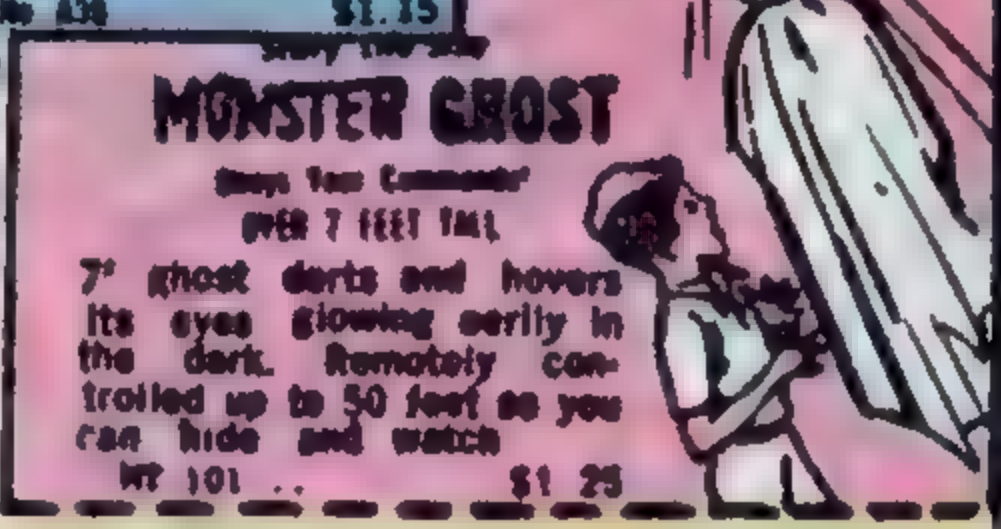
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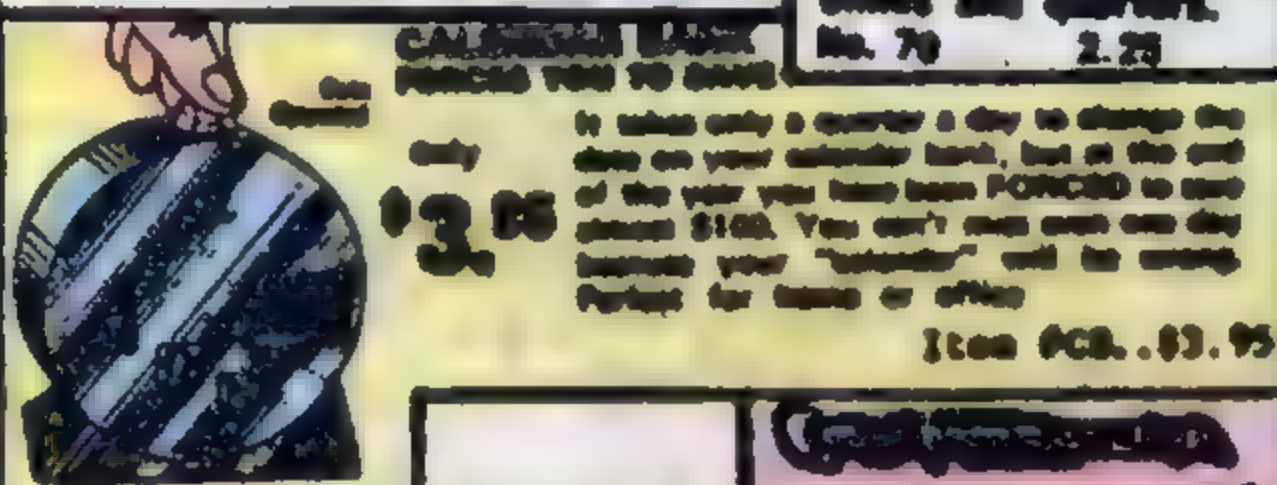
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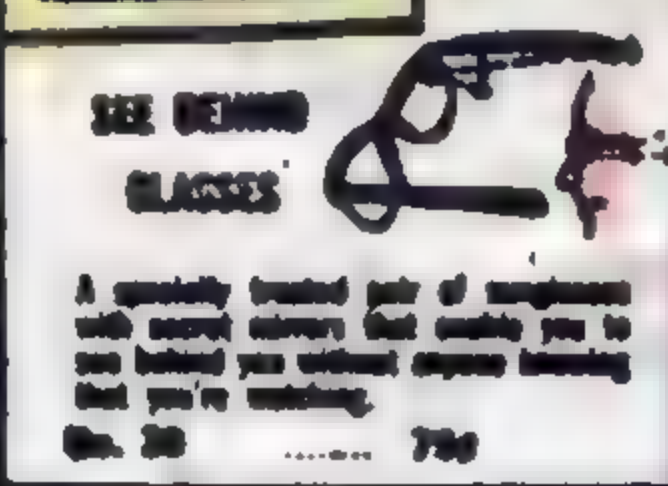


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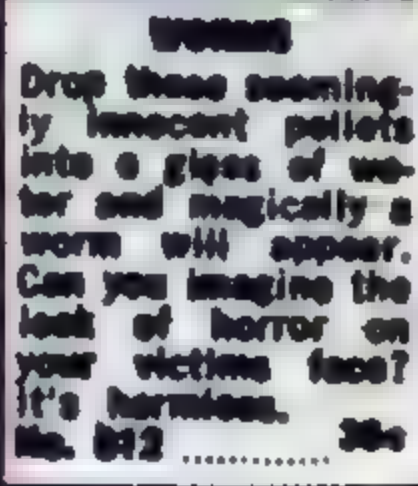
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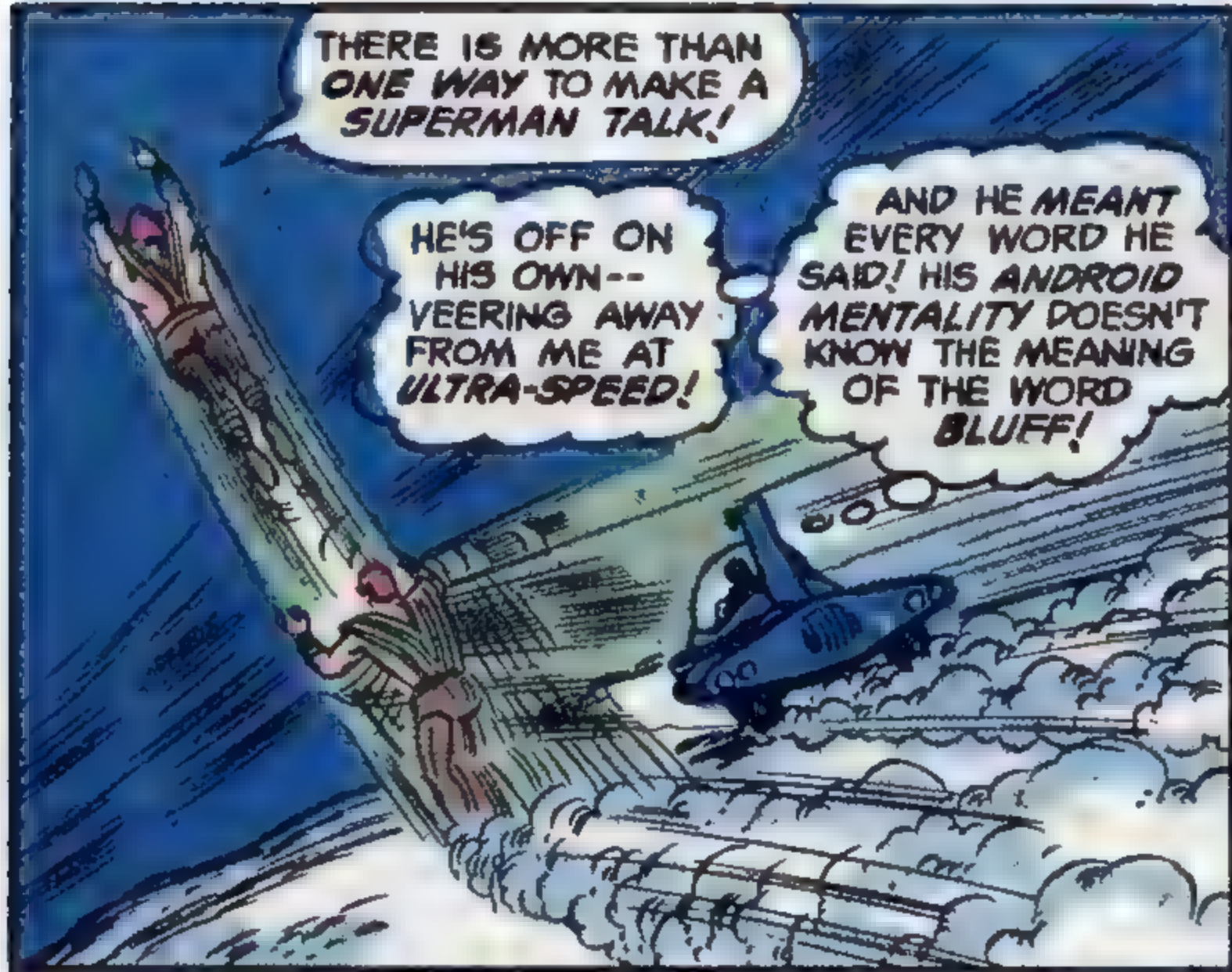
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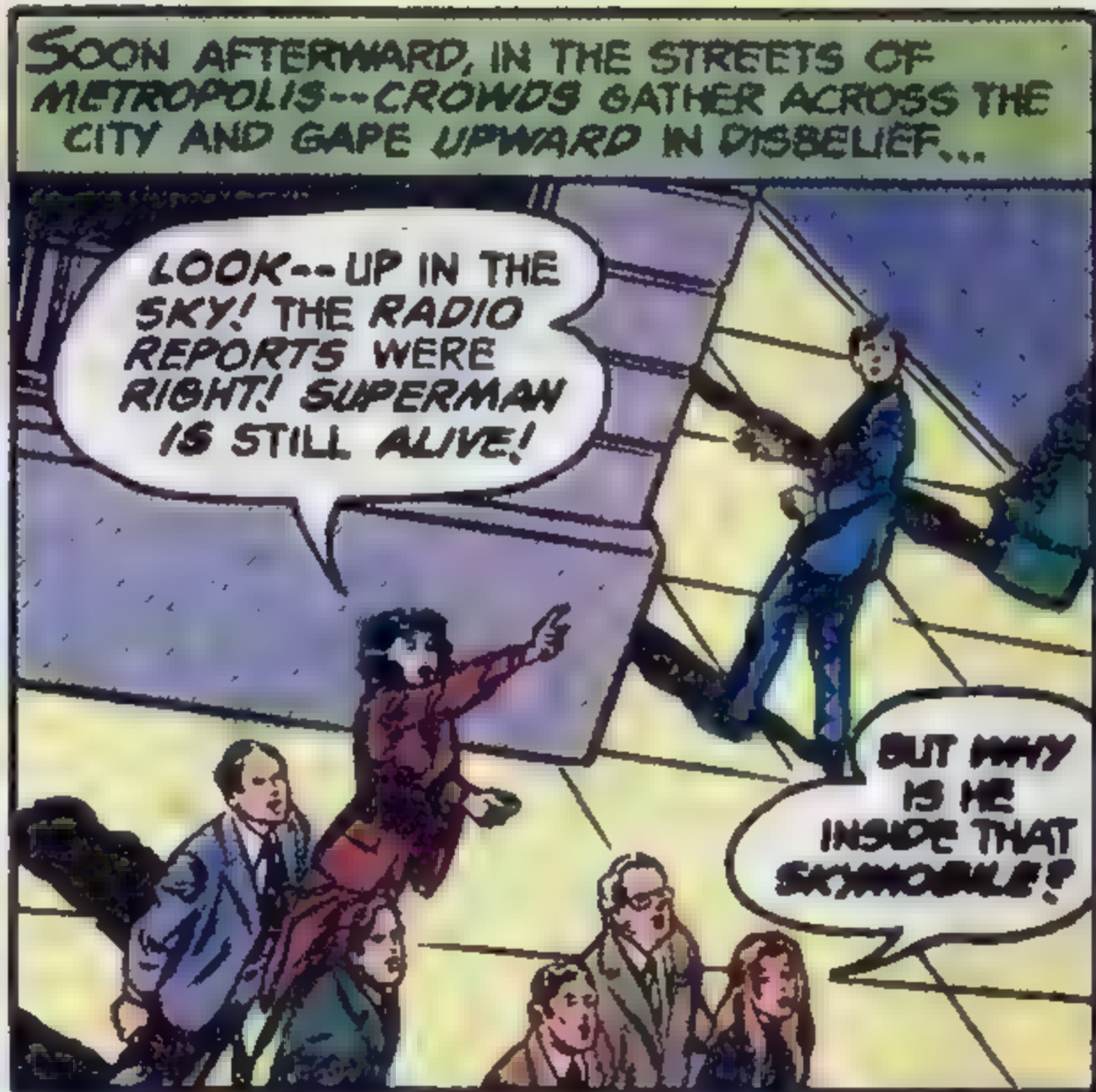
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HE'S OFF ON HIS OWN--VEERING AWAY FROM ME AT ULTRA-SPEED!

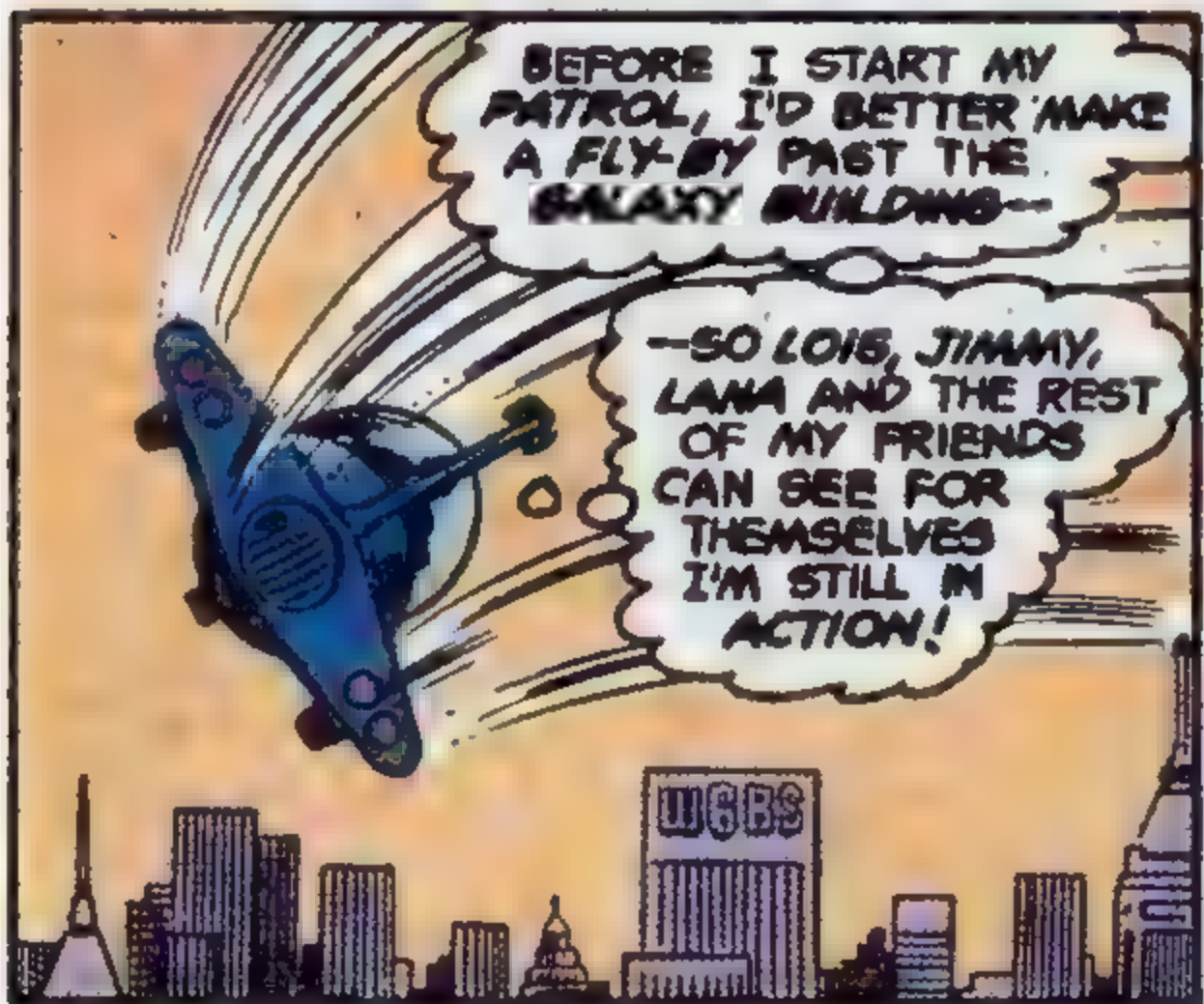
AND HE MEANT EVERY WORD HE SAID! HIS ANDROID MENTALITY DOESN'T KNOW THE MEANING OF THE WORD BLUFF!



SOON AFTERWARD, IN THE STREETS OF METROPOLIS--CROWDS GATHER ACROSS THE CITY AND GAPE UPWARD IN DISBELIEF...

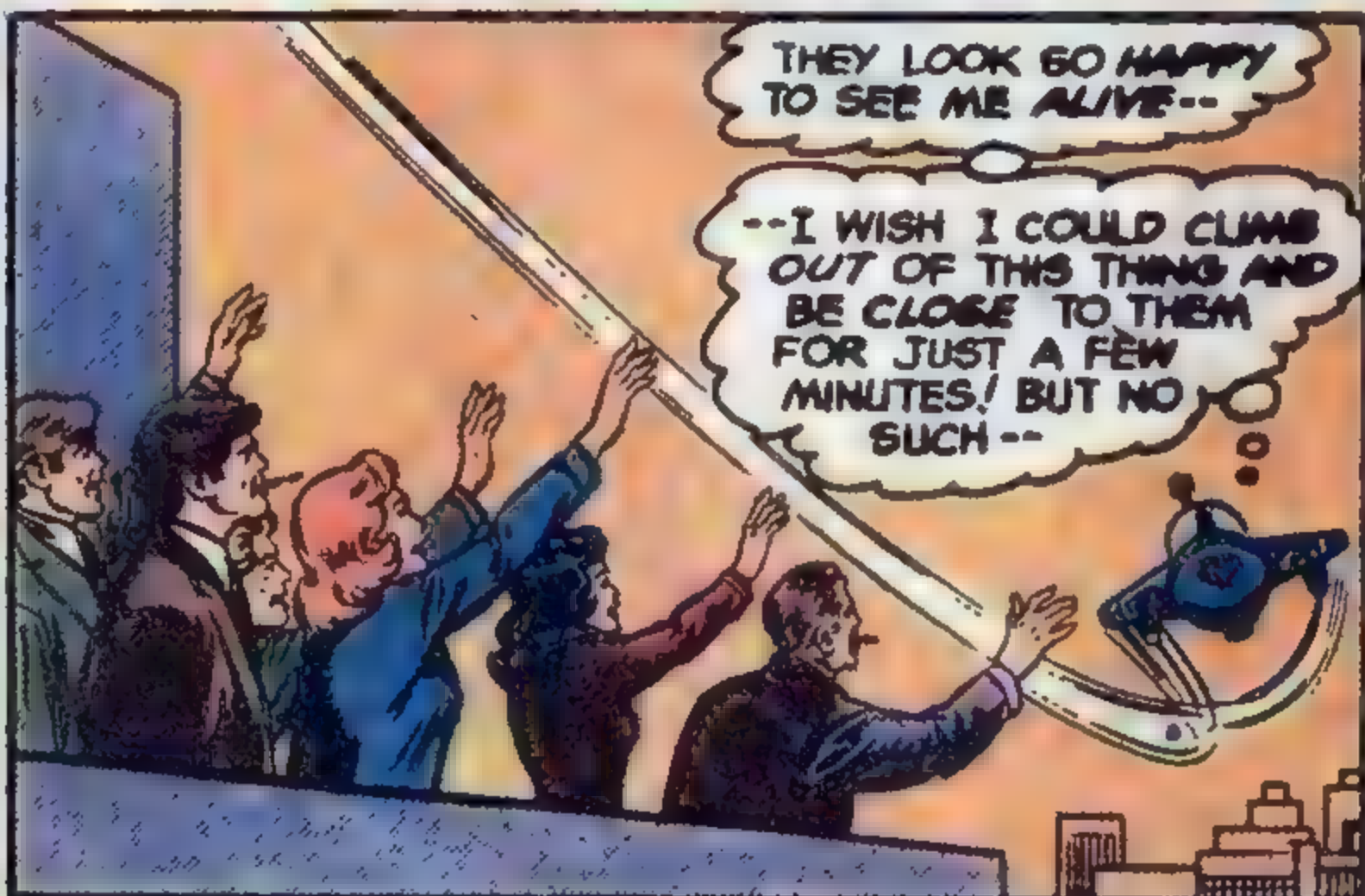
LOOK--UP IN THE SKY! THE RADIO REPORTS WERE RIGHT! SUPERMAN IS STILL ALIVE!

BUT WHY IS HE INSIDE THAT SKYMOBILE?



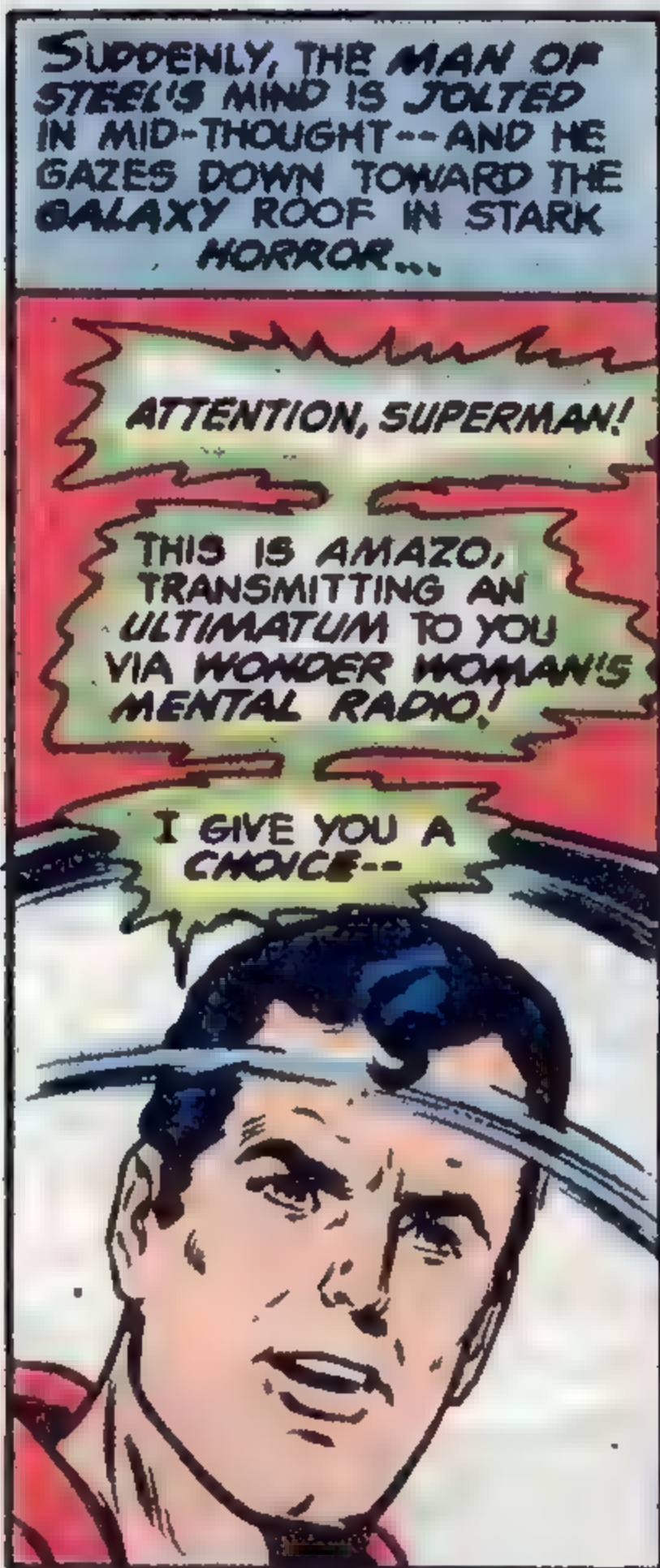
BEFORE I START MY PATROL, I'D BETTER MAKE A FLY-BY PAST THE GALAXY BUILDING--

--SO LOIS, JIMMY, LANA AND THE REST OF MY FRIENDS CAN SEE FOR THEMSELVES I'M STILL IN ACTION!



THEY LOOK SO HAPPY TO SEE ME ALIVE--

--I WISH I COULD CLIMB OUT OF THIS THING AND BE CLOSE TO THEM FOR JUST A FEW MINUTES! BUT NO SUCH--



SUDDENLY, THE MAN OF STEEL'S MIND IS JOLTED IN MID-THOUGHT--AND HE GAZES DOWN TOWARD THE GALAXY ROOF IN STARK HORROR...

ATTENTION, SUPERMAN!

THIS IS AMAZO, TRANSMITTING AN ULTIMATUM TO YOU VIA WONDER WOMAN'S MENTAL RADIO!

I GIVE YOU A CHOICE--



--A CHOICE BETWEEN SACRIFICING THE LIFE OF PROFESSOR IVO--

--OR THE LIFE OF ONE OF YOUR DEAREST FRIENDS!

ONE OR THE OTHER, KRYPTONIAN--THE DECISION IS YOURS!

NEXT ISSUE--

AMAZO STRIKES AT HIS CHOSEN VICTIM--AND--

"THIS IS A JOB FOR SUPERMOBILE"

ON SALE THE LAST WEEK IN JANUARY!



Dear Editor:

Who writes **ACTION** back-ups that are clever as can be? E-L-I-Z-A-B-E-T-H S-M—oh, well, so much for lyrical talent. Anyway, Liz Smith's "One of Those Days" was a **Private Life of Clark Kent** story that reinforced my belief in the high quality of the Superman family. Lois Lane was presented just as I like to see her—quick-witted, understanding, obviously devoted to Clark—and just as we too infrequently are. Ditto with Steve Lombard: Mr. Predictability didn't pull one lousy prank for a change; instead, we saw him confused, jealous, anxious and (gaspl) awed by Superman's skill. And let's not forget Terri Cross, whose comments to Steve about Clark's "more-than-super" physique were the funniest reversal of Superman folklore I've seen.

With those six enjoyable pages following it, Gerry Conway's "Land-Lords of Earth" could have seemed pale in comparison, but the story shone, especially because of the felicitous teaming of Curt Swan and Francisco Chlaramonte. Gerry may have had to acknowledge his plot ideas to others, but they were new to me, and when explanations came on the last page, it was enough of a shock to easily hold me over to the next issue.

I could, of course, ask why such an advanced civilization as that of Planet Prime couldn't just figure out a way to settle on the surface of the moon, or inquire as to when Clark Kent started talking like Jonny Double ("the tension around here is so thick you could eat it with a fork"), but I'd rather praise Gerry's fine handling of Superman's weight problem, note the perfect dialogue he gave Lois, and end with an original lyric: "Who's the guiding female in a comic world of men? J-E-N-E-T-T-E K-A-H-N-I!" I realize that has nothing to do specifically with an evaluation of **ACTION** #477, but I figured it was time Ms. Kahn received her well-deserved share of praise, and besides, her name has the right number of letters.

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We'd like to respond with a lyric of our own—but your name doesn't have the right number of letters!—E.N.B.

Dear Editor:

What is there to say about **ACTION COMICS** #477? It was good, but so have been most issues for some time now. Notice I say only good, not great. The reason for this is because nothing of a great and fantastic scale happened. Aha! What about the Land-Lords, the hollow moon, the destruction of Earth, the kidnapping of Superman? They are newsworthy events, to be sure, but nothing that hasn't been seen in some medium before. It is doubtful that all these factors have been included in one tale before, but the ideas weren't terribly original.

While Gerry Conway's plot wasn't anything special,

his dialogue for the Man of Steel was. It's about time the "Oh, the woes of being a super-hero" bit was dropped from Superman's repertoire of moods, because it doesn't fit the character. Superman is a hero in the purest sense of the word. He does what he does not out of a sense of obligation, but because it is the only thing he knows how to do. To him, inaction in a crisis would be worse than turning to a life of crime.

I've always felt that, deep down, Gerry knew that, too, but didn't show it for fear of writing as others did. That fear (if it existed) has been conquered. Supes didn't rush in and tackle the Land-Lords without first calling the JLA, something Gerry wouldn't have had him do in past stories. Now if he can only come up with some better plots to go with the better characterizations...

"One of Those Days" ranked as one of the better **POCK** stories when it is taken for what it is: a humorous six-page filler. The idea of a Clark Kent Fan Club has great comic possibilities, especially with the added oomph of Terri Cross. I wouldn't want it to become a regular part of Clark's routine, however. Elizabeth Smith has surprised me with her writing skill. You never know what will happen when these former loc-ers take charge.

Finally, I'd like to take up a couple of things. 1) Superman's 40th anniversary is coming up in a mere seven months. Let's see something spectacular in the June, 1978 issue. 2) **ACTION** #500 is a distant two years off, but now is the time to start planning.

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Start planning #500 now—when we haven't even got that 40th anniversary issue worked out yet? We will, though—after all, one of those former loc-ers is yours truly!—E.N.B.

Dear Julie:

Ahhh... after so many bad issues of **ACTION**, Gerry Conway's "The Land-Lords of Earth" was a breath of fresh air. I understood the acknowledgement to Edgar Rice Burroughs and Fritz Leiber... to Burroughs for his **Moon Maid** and **Pellucidar** series, since this was about a hollow moon, and Leiber for **The Wanderer**, about an "artificial" planet and the havoc its coming caused to Earth.

I confess the cover did not attract, but rather repelled me... the idea of Superman swelling up like a blimp at first sounded like an idiotic "gimmick." However, in the story, even Superman's swelling was interesting—the contraction and expansion being a convincing way of knocking out even a Kryptonian. A very good story, Gerry, and I'm waiting for its conclusion.

I'm not a great fan of the Clark Kent series, but Elizabeth Smith's "One of Those Days" was better than a lot of them. However, why Clark didn't simply walk into the film room as part of the tour, act like he just smelled smoke, and put it out with a bucket of water from the washroom is beyond me.

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What? A super-hero do things the easy way? The story would end too soon!—E. Nelson Bridwell



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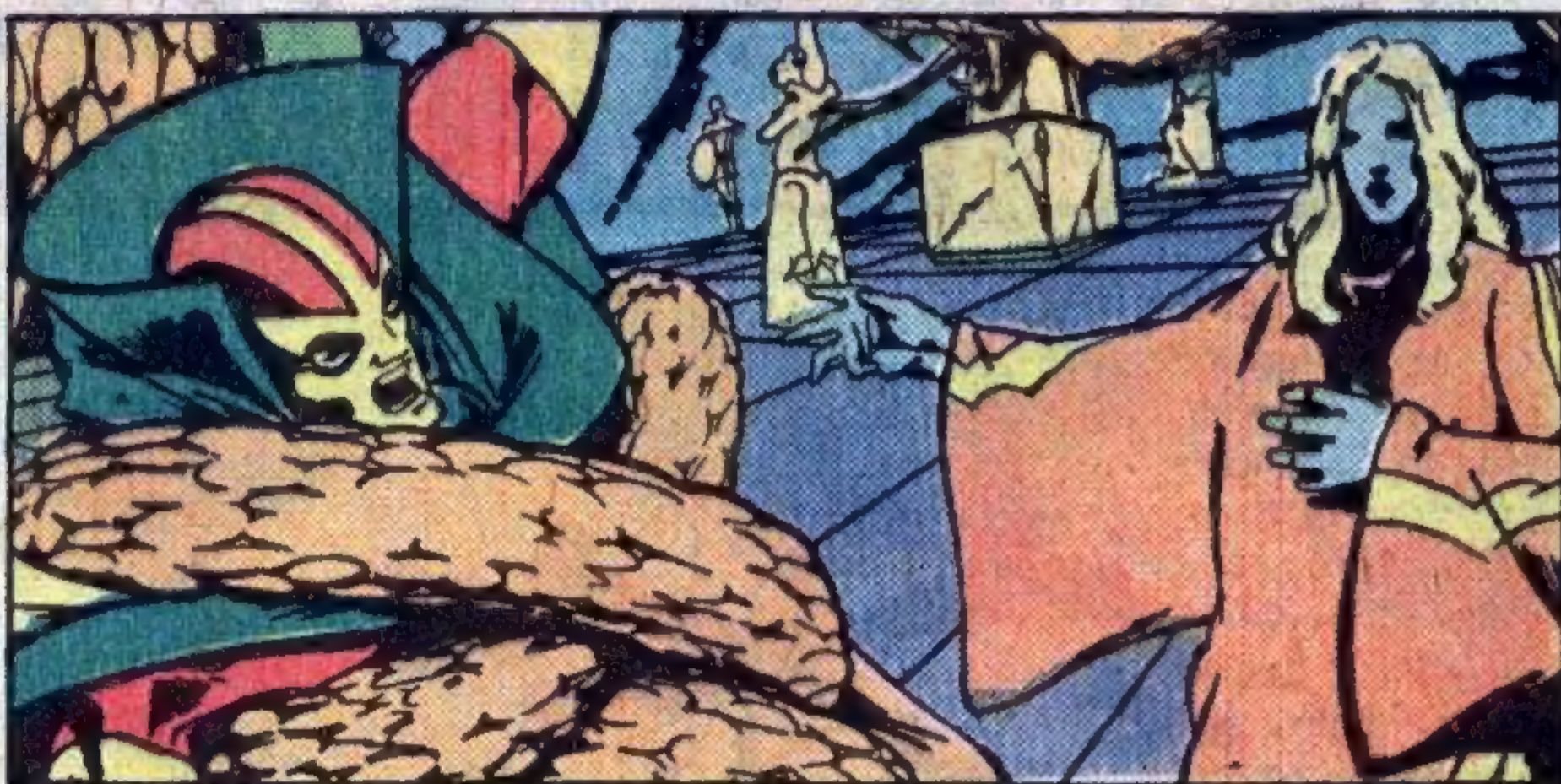
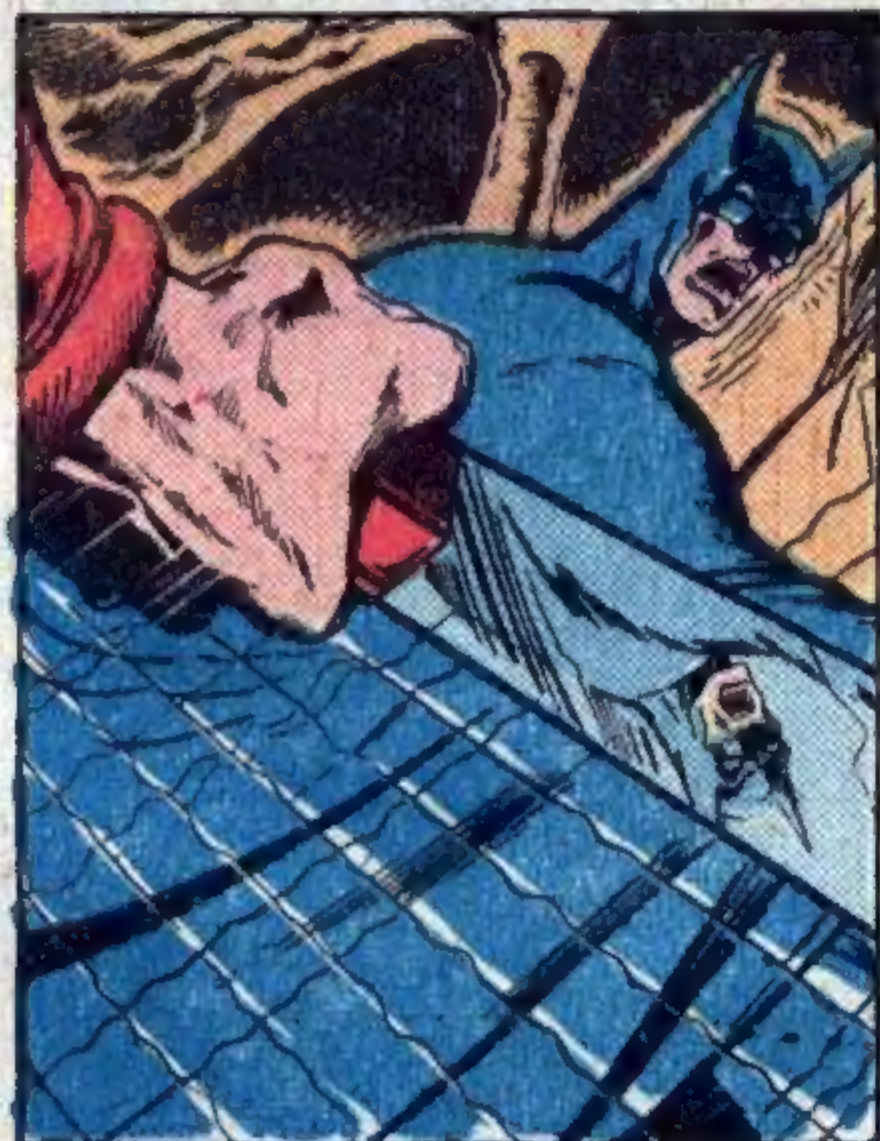
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Q: Are there any plans for a Tabloid Edition featuring *Sgt. Rock*, *The Losers*, the *Haunted Tank* or your other battle stars?—John Muse. **A:** There aren't any plans right now, but there is a **SGT. ROCK SPECTACULAR** scheduled for 1978 which you should consider a step in the right direction.

Q: Is there any way I can get back issues direct from DC?—Joe Coda. **A:** Sorry, we don't sell any magazines from our offices. You'll have to contact a comics dealer.

Q: Where is Mike Grell?—A. Krawjewski. **A:** In Wisconsin! Seriously, though, Mike has been working overtime on the **SUPERBOY/LEGION TABLOID**, now on sale, as well as **THE WARLORD**, which he writes as well as draws. But now that the Tabloid is out of the way, watch for Iron Mike's work in our books more regularly.

Q: How long did Bruce Wayne train before he became *The Batman*?—Jeff Godwin. **A:** Nobody has ever said exactly, but we would assume it was a number of years, from the time his parents were murdered till the day he first put on the costume.

Q: Could you name the members of the *Justice League*?—Mike Earll. **A:** Sure. *Superman*, *Batman*, *Flash*, *Green Lantern*, *Green Arrow*, *Aquaman*, *The Atom*, *Wonder Woman*, *Red Tornado*, *Hawkman*, *Hawkgirl*, *The Phantom Stranger*, *Black Canary* and *Elongated Man*! Got a question for the Answer Man? Send it to Bob Rozakis, DC Comics Inc., 75 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, NY 10019.

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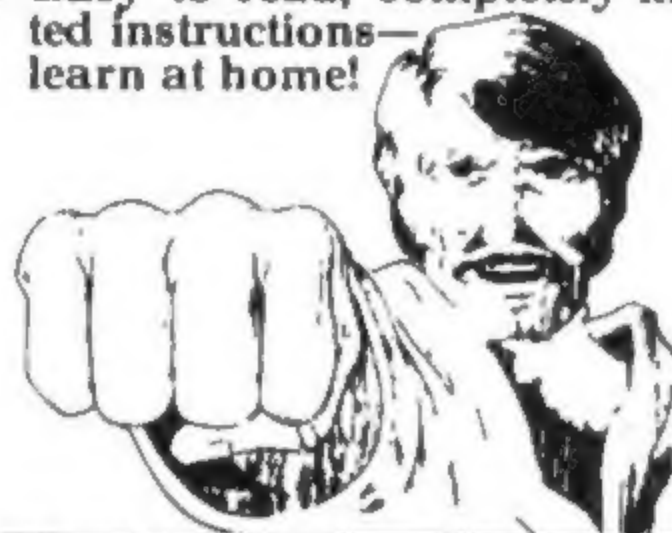
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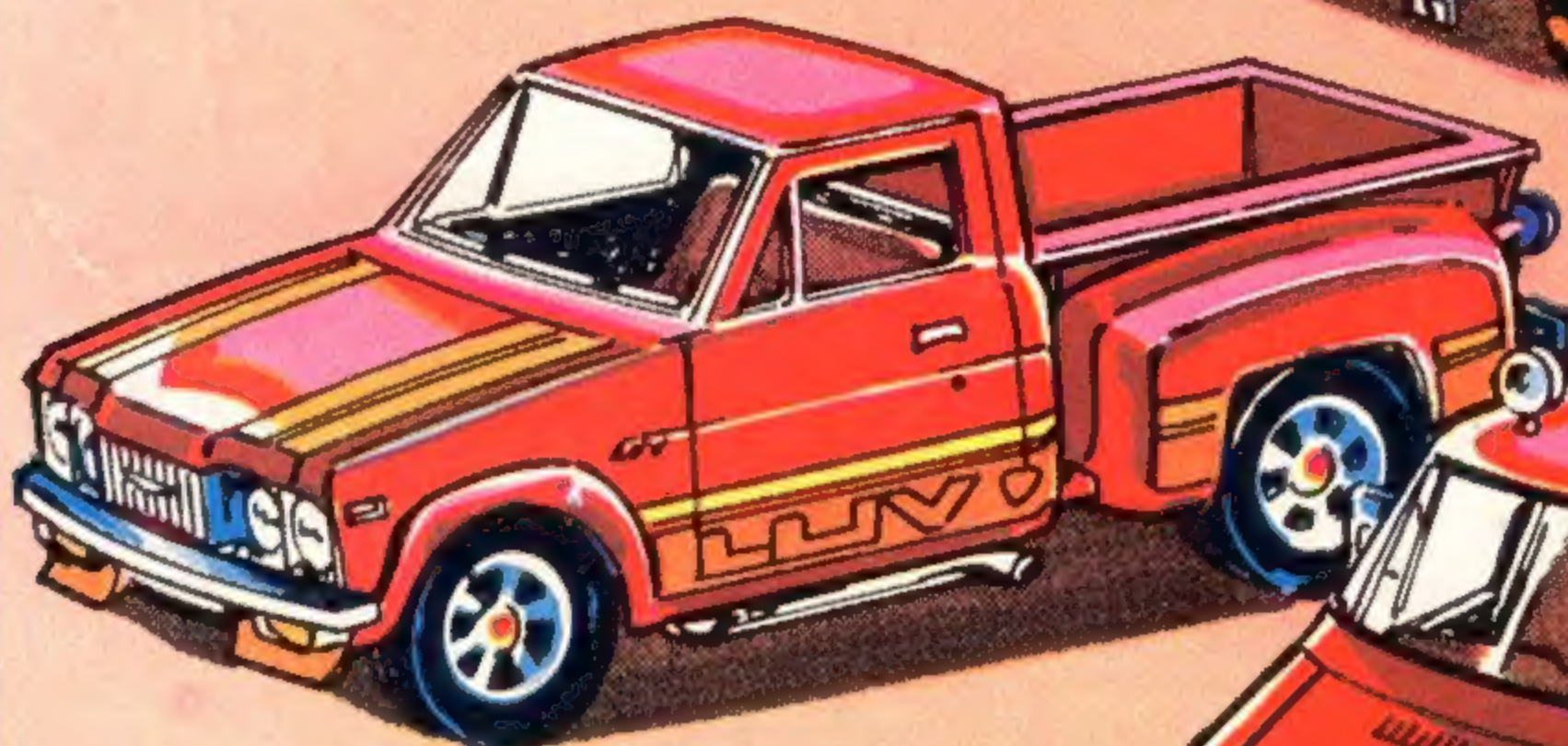
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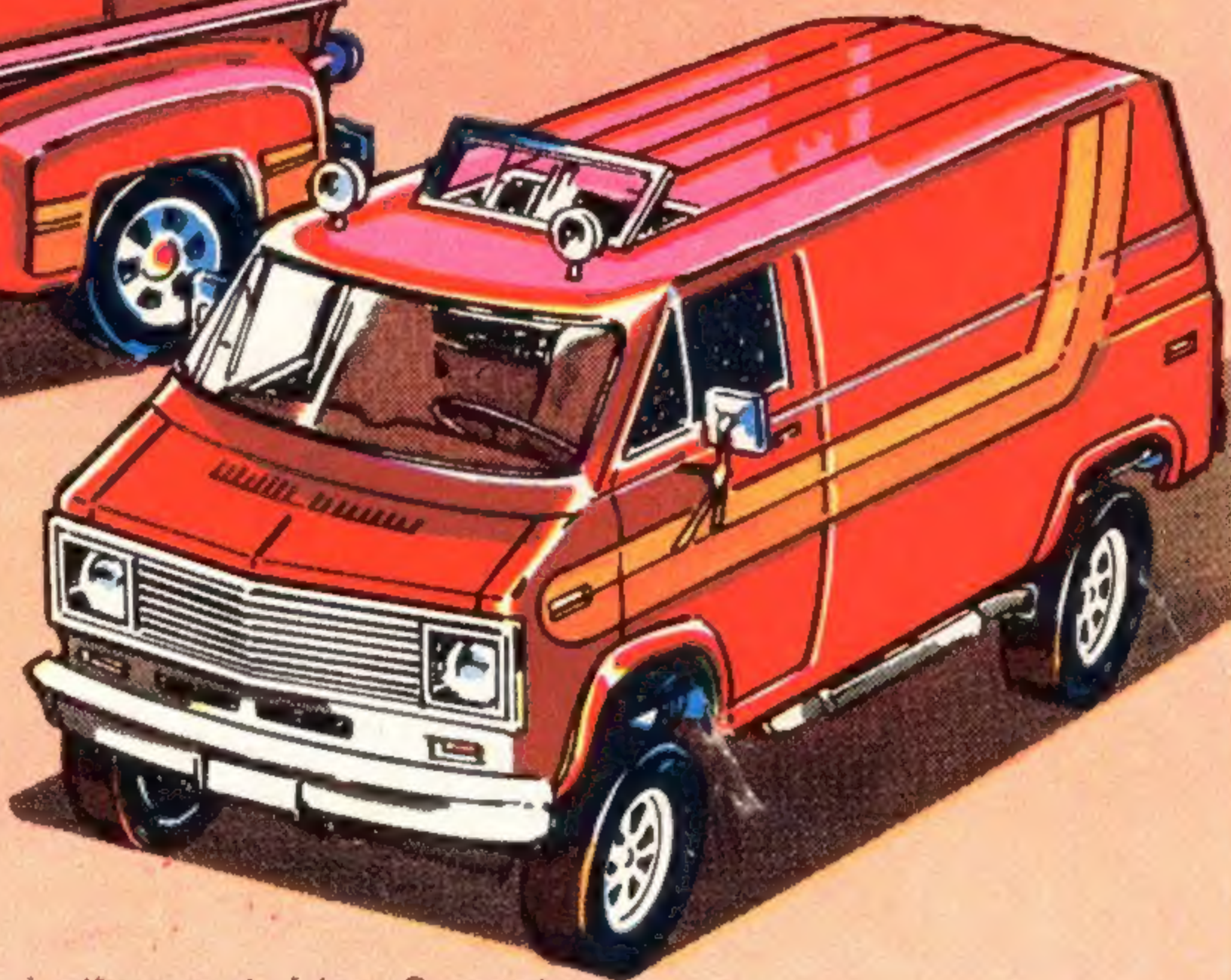
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